It was the year of Woodrow Wilson’s inauguration. In Europe, the First World War had not yet begun. And it was this same year, 1913, that the UO Board of Regents first established political science as an independent department of the University of Oregon. In recognition of this milestone, our department held a centennial celebration on October 25 in the Ford Alumni Center. The inspirational and entertaining event was attended by students, past and present members of the faculty, and alumni representing the last seven decades of our educational project.

Priscilla Southwell, our department head, began the proceedings, introducing the other guest speakers and guiding the audience through a survey of some of the most significant national and international political events of the past century. Also included in her historical survey were occasions of special significance to this department: our first graduate student (1921); our first award of a PhD (1954, also notable for the Brown v. Board of Education ruling); our first female professor (Joyce Mitchell, 1960); and our first female department head (Deborah Baumgold, 1995).

A panel of noteworthy speakers, representing a wide range of professions and political outlooks, reflected on the special role of our discipline as well as the influence that our department and particular faculty members had exerted on their personal and professional development. On the dais were Andrew Marcus, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Sam Adams, executive director of the Portland City Club and former mayor of Portland; Ann Aiken, chief judge of the District Court of Oregon; Ed Colligan, technology entrepreneur, former CEO of Palm Inc., and founder of Handspring; Ryan Deckert, former Oregon state representative and state senator, and current president of the Oregon Business Association; Dan Lavey, former campaign strategist and chief of staff for former senator Gordon Smith, and current president of Gallatin Public Affairs; and Brent Walth, Pulitzer Prize–winning investigative reporter and editor of Willamette Week.

Although he was absent from the dais, Professor Jim Klonoski’s (1925–2009) presence was felt throughout the proceeding with many of the panelists, both liberal and conservative, noting the impact of his personal example and his pragmatic and challenging teaching style.

Following the speakers’ prepared presentations, there was a question-and-answer session that prompted some spirited exchanges on the directions in which the discipline should be moving. Finally, the panelists and audience adjourned to eat, drink, and mingle, and ponder what the next century might bring.
Greetings from the Department Head

I began my second term as department head last fall, and our hundredth-year celebration in October was a great way to start off the year. On that same weekend, there was also a reunion of several graduate students from our PhD program fifty years ago in 1963—William Eubank, Neal Gilbertsen, John Hall, Kate Jackson, Jerry Medler, Scott Pengelly, Harlan Strauss, L. A. Wilson II, and Toru Uno—who were also able to visit with members of our emeriti faculty—Bill Baugh, Dan Goldrich, Arthur Hanhardt, and John Orbell.

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 offer a yearlong speakers series. Such contributions made this speaker series possible and have also facilitated a considerable portion of the faculty and student research and awards described in this newsletter.

Keep us posted—we would love to hear how you have used Political Science in your career!

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Elliot Carson ’61 won the 2012 Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature for his book Joe Rochefort’s War: The Odyssey of the Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway.

Dave Donley ’76 (Incidental Fee Committee, 1974–76, Debate Team, and Delta Tau Delta) was promoted to lieutenant colonel of the Alaska State Defense Force where he serves as staff judge advocate. Donley retired from State of Alaska full-time employment after sixteen years in the state legislature (six years as a representative and ten years as a senator) and four years as a hearing officer with the Division of Workers’ Compensation, including three years as chief of adjudications. Donley continues to work as a private attorney in Anchorage and in 2012 he was awarded the Alaska Community Service Medal by Governor Parnell.

Doug Hofmann ’06 recently took a job with the government relations consulting firm Williams and Associates, and will be a registered lobbyist in Arizona. His prior position was chief of staff for David Gowan, Arizona House majority leader.

Janet Markey ’78, lobbyist for the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Associations, hopes to bring her family back to Eugene to visit the UO and Hayward Field.

Allan McCune ’67 retired from public school teaching and is living in Olympia, Washington.

Fred Van Natta ’63, retired after working as a lobbyist for forty years, and is now a civic volunteer.

William D. Pederson ’67, professor of political science, American studies endowed chair and director of the International Lincoln Center for American Studies at Louisiana State University, was selected by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities as the 2013 Humanist of the Year.

Julien Velcof ’08, after completing an exchange program with the UO, Velcof earned an MA in political science from the Lyon Institute of Political Science. He then worked as the economic officer of the French Embassy in Armenia, and is currently in Paris at the French Trade Commission as a trade and export adviser.


Political Science Alumna Elected President of Intel

Intel Corporation announced recently that the board of directors elected UO alumna Renée James as its new president.

James, who earned her bachelor’s degree in political science in 1986 and master’s degree in business administration in 1992 from the UO, began her career with Intel through the company’s acquisition of Bell Technologies.

James has broad knowledge of the computing industry, spanning hardware, security, software, and services, which she developed through leadership positions at Intel and as chairman of Intel’s software subsidiaries, Havok, McAfee, and Wind River. She also currently serves on the board of directors of Vodafone Group PLC and VMware Inc., and was chief of staff for former Intel CEO Andy Grove.

During her twenty-five-year career at Intel, she has spearheaded the company’s strategic expansion into providing proprietary and open-source software and services for applications in security, cloud-based computing, and—most important—smartphones. In her most recent role as executive vice president and general manager of the Software and Services Group, she was responsible for Intel’s global software and services strategy, revenue, profit, and product R&D.

James will be joined in Intel’s executive office by its next CEO, Brian Krzanich, unanimously elected by the board and succeeding Paul Otellini.

“I look forward to partnering with Renée as we begin a new chapter in Intel’s history,” said Krzanich. “Her deep understanding and vision for the future of computing architecture, combined with her broad experience running product R&D and one of the world’s largest software organizations, are extraordinary assets for Intel.”

Intel Corporation is an American multinational semiconductor chip maker corporation headquartered in Santa Clara, California. It is the world’s largest and highest-valued semiconductor chip maker, based on revenue.
Manager of Corporate Communication, Facebook

Tucker Bounds

Public relations guru Dan Lavey recalls the exact moment when he realized his young friend, Tucker Bounds, had arrived.

Lavey, president of Portland-based Gallatin Public Affairs and a 1988 UO history alumnus, was watching Larry King Live during the 2008 Democratic convention. A panel of Republicans had been assembled for reactions and the first question went to Bounds, a spokesman for presidential candidate John McCain.

“Well, Larry,” Bounds responded, and then continued with his answer.

For Lavey, those first two words said it all. “Referring to him not as ‘Mr. King’ but ‘Larry’—Tucker understood the theater in which he was playing,” Lavey said. “If he had called him ‘Mr. King’ he would have looked like a young man, somebody who didn’t belong. He demonstrated, ‘I belong here.’”

Whether speaking for a presidential candidate or in his current role as manager of corporate communications for Facebook, Bounds holds the same philosophy: Take on new challenges, even if the stakes are high.

“At every turn I made a decision to try something different and take risks,” Bounds said. “In campaign politics and similarly at places like Facebook, you’re moving quickly to set up an operation, build infrastructure, and end with the successful launch of a project or an election day.”

Lanky and loquacious, Bounds got his start in politics while at the UO, volunteering with a candidate for the Eugene City Council.

The university provided Bounds with a broad network of “smart, dynamic” alumni who helped him climb the career ladder, he said. Bounds maintains those friendships today; he and Jill Hazelbaker (whom he worked with on the McCain campaign) still meet for drinks, proving that—even within the head-to-head competition between Google and Facebook—there is room for two Ducks to maintain school ties.

As Republicans at the Democrat-dominated UO, Bounds and Hazelbaker also learned quickly to appreciate different points of view—something that Bounds credits for his success.

“Maybe the tenor of politics would be improved if everybody had to go into an environment where they had to be willing to find common ground with others to get along,” he said. “That sometimes is what’s missed in Washington.”

Born in eastern Oregon, Bounds was raised in a family that valued politics and he developed an appreciation for hard work in the fields of a friend’s wheat farm.


Politics can be nasty, and a spokesman must remain composed under the most trying of circumstances. In a classic “gotcha” interview by CNN’s Campbell Brown during the McCain campaign, Bounds displayed his rural-roots politeness, repeatedly allowing Brown to interrupt as he defended running mate Sarah Palin’s foreign policy experience.

“Working on a wheat farm and working on a campaign are the same experience—you have to work every available moment,” Bounds said. “You have to be up and ready for the reporters and making the most of every day. You can either choose to embrace it or you can do something else.”

With his move to the private sector, Bounds joins a culture in which the fruits of his labor could be years in the making.

What doesn’t change is the near-daily pressure to get on top of the issues—fast—and speak to them with the authority of an expert.

“Being on point and being able to move quickly—that’s what’s required of us every day,” Bounds said. “There’s a saying we use on the Facebook communications team: ‘Move fast and speak clearly.’”
University of Oregon alumnus Hoang Pham recently received the prestigious Sue Lehmann Excellence in Teaching Award from the nonprofit organization Teach for America.

Pham earned his master's degree in education at Loyola Marymount University. While studying, he participated in LMU's Teach for America Partnership program and in his second year was one of only four teachers in the nation chosen for the Sue Lehmann Award.

Pham joined Teach for America after he graduated from the University of Oregon in June 2011, and currently he is teaching beyond his two-year commitment at his placement school, working with first-graders at the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) Empower Academy in south central Los Angeles. Pham strives to involve his students by bringing cultural relevance to each lesson.

“It's so important for kids to see themselves in what they're learning,” Pham said in an online story for Loyola Marymount. “By connecting school to their experiences, I aim to empower my students and families to create social change that extends well beyond the one year they have in the classroom with me.”

Pham received his bachelor's degree in political science from the UO, with minors in ethnic studies and business administration. He received a Diversity Excellence Scholarship, affiliated with the UO’s Center for Multicultural Academic Excellence (CMAE) program.

That program had an impact on Pham’s academic life and continues to propel his passion for teaching. He took writing courses through the program from Mike Copperman, a senior instructor in the UO Department of English, which he says helped shape his educational and professional career. He describes Copperman as the first teacher who allowed him to truly share his voice, identity, and experiences in the classroom. It sparked a love for learning and social change in Pham, and continues to drive his work.

Pham credits the CMAE program, the Diversity Excellence Scholarship, and his professors from the UO Department of Ethnic Studies for inspiring his success; they all pushed him to think critically about the world and how to be a significant part of it.

The Sue Lehmann Award recognizes second-year teachers who show qualities of transformative leadership for their students’ benefit. Teach for America, which strives to end educational inequity, enlists high-achieving recent college graduates and professionals to teach for at least two years in low-income U.S. communities.

Pham says he works every day to keep his students engaged and facilitate academic growth while simultaneously integrating culturally responsive instruction in all subjects, throughout the whole day. KIPP Empower Academy recently scored a 991 out of 1,000 on the California Academic Performance Index, which makes them the highest-performing school in Los Angeles County.

“My students, families, community, and school are so incredible, and this really reflects what’s possible when we all work together in our children’s best interest,” Pham said in the Loyola Marymount story. “It’s much more about their success than it is about mine.”

—Sarah MacKenzie
Intern, UO Office of Strategic Communications
Faculty News and Research

UO Wayne Morse Scholars Get Up Close and Personal with Politics
Tichenor Is Heading the Wayne Morse Scholars Program

Twenty-three University of Oregon juniors and seniors are about to enter an intimate, hands-on learning environment on the world of government and politics.

The students are the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics’ inaugural group of Wayne Morse Scholars. These juniors and seniors from various disciplines will study public affairs and politics through a special seminar, supervised internships and research, leadership training, and discussions with government officials, political practitioners, and visiting scholars.

“We’re thrilled by the extraordinary quality and character of our first class of Wayne Morse Scholars,” said Wayne Morse Senior Faculty Fellow Dan Tichenor, a political science professor who is heading the program and teaching the special seminar. “They are outstanding students who bring to the program impressive academic accomplishments, a wide range of leadership experiences and a shared passion for politics and service.”

The program is supported by a 2013–14 grant from the Tom and Carol Williams Fund for Undergraduate Education. Orientation began November 2014. The program includes the following:

A special seminar on democratic dilemmas taught by Tichenor, a Philip H. Knight Professor of Social Science, who has published extensively on immigration politics and policy, the American presidency, civil liberties, interest groups, social movements, political parties and U.S. political development.

Meetings and discussions with distinguished speakers, government officials, and political practitioners; small leadership trainings and workshops; field trips to Salem to observe the Oregon House, Senate, Supreme Court, and executive branch at work, and to meet with state officials and their staffs; and supervised service-learning projects, internships, and honors thesis work for seniors.

UO sophomores and juniors from all disciplines may apply. Fifteen to twenty students per year will be selected on the basis of academic merit, service experiences, and demonstrated interest in politics or public policy. Students may continue as program scholars in subsequent years.

“The Wayne Morse Center is thrilled to finally have a program tailored to undergraduate students,” Director Margaret Hallock said. “The program aims to connect undergraduates to the vibrant public policy community in Oregon. We hope to encourage these young people to contribute to policy discussions in their communities for years to come.”

Said Tichenor, “My hope is that this new program provides an intimate setting that future leaders in law, business, education, government, journalism, and other fields can call home during their UO studies.”

—From the UO Office of Strategic Communications

Marriage and Politics

With the debate over same-sex marriage in full swing in this election season, a new book by UO political science associate professor Priscilla Yamin takes on matrimony’s historical and contemporary role as an institution that grants and withholds rights.

In preparing for the book, American Marriage: A Political Institution, Yamin examined legal and political documents such as court cases and congressional reports. Analyzing them through a historical lens and comparing them across time, she traveled through uncharted political territory in an effort to reveal the importance of marriage and family in the context of American politics.

“There are not enough books in political science that examine the ways that marriage and family are political,” Yamin says. “Marriage and family is usually understood as having to do only with private and personal issues.”

Former slaves postemancipation, people of color, women in the 1960s, immigrants, homosexuals, and people collecting welfare are among the communities and issues that Yamin discusses in the book as being influenced by the institution of marriage.
**Faculty News Briefs**

Deborah Baumgold and Burke Hendrix received a program grant from the UO College of Arts and Sciences. The grant, along with support from the political science department and alumni donations, will result in a conference, "Colonial Exchanges: Ideas, Agency, and the Experiences of Colonialism," in fall 2014.

Tuong Vu, recipient of the Colligan Award, visited Hanoi for five weeks in the summer to conduct archival research on the Vietnamese revolution for his soon-to-be-completed book manuscript on the topic.


Craig Kauffman has a new article out in the top journal on international environmental politics. Find "Scaling Up Buen Vivir" in *Global Environmental Politics’* February 2014 issue.

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**Professor Beck Studies Microcredit in Guatemala**

Since its introduction in Latin America in the 1970s, microcredit quickly became a powerful force across the region. Today, microcredit accounts for 45 percent of all lending in Latin America, reaching 18 million people, the vast majority of them poor women—and yet, there is surprisingly little systematic information about microcredit’s long-term economic and social effects. Instead, most microfinance institutions look at their repayment rates to evaluate their success and often lack the resources or will to keep track of their beneficiaries after they have left the organization, inhibiting their ability to determine their long-term effects.

As a corrective, Erin Beck partnered with Fundación Namaste Guatemala to study the long-term effects of a microcredit “plus” approach, with generous support from the Center of Latino and Latin American Studies’ (C LLAS) seed grant for faculty and collaborative research. Erin and her research assistants tracked down almost seventy of Namaste’s former beneficiaries who left the

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American Marriage: A Political Institution (224 pages, University of Pennsylvania Press) emphasizes that the debate over same-sex marriage is not the first political issue that makes marriage a platform for determining individuals’ status and identity as an American citizen or resident.

“The important question is whether marriage is the right place to decide and determine rights at all,” she says. “There are over 1,000 federal benefits attached to marriage.”

After six years of work and continually changing and developing research, the public will have a book that addresses these issues.

Yamin, in an excerpt from the book’s conclusion, says, “I set out in this project with two central aims: to understand the role of marriage in U.S. politics and to understand the role of U.S. politics in marriage. I approached these questions historically in order to examine the development of each in relation to the other, giving particular emphasis to moments of major change in U.S. politics. What I found was a patterned tension between marital obligations and rights, a tension that defined marriage in a series of passionate conflicts across the eras I examined. I was thus led to a series of interlinked questions: Why do Americans find marriage so important as an expression of political identity? Why do conflicts over the institution recur? And, ultimately, what kind of politics does marriage produce?”

—Dillon Pilorget
Intern, UO Office of Communications

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Erin and research assistant Calixta Gabriel Xiquin review the survey in Namaste’s Suchitepéquez offices.

Erin and research assistant Calixta Gabriel Xiquin review the survey in Namaste’s Suchitepéquez offices (right).

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organization two or more years prior to survey them about their experiences with microcredit and how their lives have or have not changed since receiving loans and business education through Namaste.

Finding the women was no easy feat. Because Guatemala’s rural and semirural communities do not use addresses, and women’s phone numbers change frequently (because they use disposable phones), the research team lacked a reliable means of locating and communicating with their potential respondents. To find former beneficiaries, they therefore sifted through Namaste’s paper archives to find hand-drawn maps and notes jotted down by Namaste’s business advisers more than two years ago, and also spoke with community members.

Successfully completed surveys provide unique insights into women’s opinions of and experiences with microcredit programs in their communities. One surprising finding was the sheer number of microcredit programs that operate in these communities. In addition to Namaste, women mentioned twenty-two other institutions that offer small loans to women. Erin looks forward to analyzing the data collected and presenting more detailed results in spring 2014 at an event sponsored by CLLAS.