A Letter from the Chair

I am delighted to introduce you to this issue of PostScript, the newsletter for alumni, alumnae, and friends of the Department of Political Science. It has been nine years since the last issue of PostScript was mailed, and my purpose in writing this introductory letter is to bring the many important things that have happened in the interim to your attention.

There have been major changes in our faculty and facilities. Most noticeable is the transformation of our long-time departmental home in Derby Hall. Although it may look like many of you remember it on the outside, the interior of Derby has been totally renovated into cheery, comfortable offices and meeting rooms for our faculty, staff, and students. Along with the renovation came the replacement of what had become by then a collection of vintage (but probably value-less) institutional furniture and the creation of a state-of-the-art computer classroom in the basement of Derby. The changes are impressive. If you happen to be on campus, please come by to see our new facilities.

Also visible have been changes in the department’s faculty. Although they continue to teach and work with students in the department, two of our faculty have assumed administrative positions at the University. Randall Ripley has become Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Elliot Slotnick Associate Dean in the Graduate School. Within the department, I replaced Ripley as department chair in 1991, Tom Nelson now directs the department’s lab, Goldie Shabad is the Director of Graduate Studies, and Don Sylvan is the Director of Undergraduate Studies. John Champlin continues to handle the duties of Honors Advisor.

Numerous faculty who have had distinguished careers at Ohio State have retired since the last issue of PostScript. Professors Chad Alger, Herb Asher, Jim Harf, Charles Hermann, and John Kessel went in the first wave, all of them taking advantage of a university-wide early retirement program. Aage Clausen retired in June 1997, followed by Samuel (Pat) Patterson and Brad Richardson in June 1998 and Margaret (Peg) Hermann in September 1998. Most of these retirees remain involved in department life through teaching of occasional graduate and undergraduate classes and their research. The department also lost one faculty member to a tragic accident. On August 19, 1995, Joseph Kruzel, who was on leave as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for NATO and European Policy, was killed in an auto accident while serving his country on a peace mission in a war zone in Bosnia.

Replacing the retirees and other departed faculty has been a major activity of the department in recent years. Since the last issue of PostScript, our
American politics faculty now includes Janet Box-Steffensmeier (Texas, 1993), Sanford Gordon (Princeton, 1999), Dean Lacy (Duke, 1994), Kathleen McGraw (Northwestern, 1985; formerly at SUNY, Stony Brook), Diana Mutz (Stanford, 1988; formerly at Wisconsin), Tom Nelson (Michigan, 1992), Kira Sanbonmatsu (Harvard, 1998), Richard Timpane (Stony Brook, 1994; formerly at SUNY, Stony Brook), and Jack Wright (Rochester, 1983; formerly at Iowa and George Washington).

To our international politics group, we have added Mershon Center Director Ned Lebow (CCNY, 1968; formerly at Cornell and Pittsburgh), Ted Hopf (Columbia, 1989; formerly at Michigan), Ed Mansfield (Penn, 1989; formerly at Columbia), Woody Hayes Chairholder John Mueller (UCLA, 1965; formerly at Rochester), David Rowe (Duke, 1993), and Randall Schweller (Columbia, 1993). In comparative politics, the new faculty since 1991 are Tim Frye (Columbia, 1997), Marcus Kurtz (California-Berkeley, 1996; formerly at the University of Miami), Jakub Zielinski (Chicago, 1999), and the University’s former Provost and Interim President Dick Sisson (California-Berkeley, 1967; formerly at UCLA). The Department also has enhanced its political theory field by bringing in Catherine Hafer (Rochester, 2000) and Clarissa Hayward (Yale, 1998).

This year we are recruiting new faculty in each of our areas—American politics, comparative politics, international politics, minority politics, and political theory. A majority of the present faculty is new since the last issue of *PostScript*. With the new faculty to be hired this year, the composition of the department’s faculty will be significantly different from what it was just a decade ago. Faculty turnover is a common feature of academic life, especially as the generation of faculty who began their careers in the growth period of the 60s moves into retirement. The best departments, and we are considered among the very best at Ohio State and in the nation, have been able to maintain their quality in spite of these changes. We feel that we have replaced an outstanding group of departed faculty with a terrific group of newcomers.

Of course change in students is the hallmark of a university, as our graduates leave to go on to jobs or graduate training and are replaced by new cohorts. At both the undergraduate and graduate levels, the department has continued to attract outstanding students. Our graduate program is in competition with the nation’s top research universities for new students. Our graduates have taken faculty positions at such colleges and universities as: Emory, Georgia, Harvard, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Miami (Ohio), North Carolina, Penn State, Purdue, Rochester, Tufts, Union, Wooster, and Virginia, just to name a few recent placements. The department always has attracted many excellent students, and the quality has become more uniformly strong in recent years as the university has attracted more and more merit scholars and honors students, many of them in Political Science.

Recently, the department has experienced a significant increase in its majors, now approaching 700, and now we have about 150 honors students. After graduation, our undergraduate majors continue to move on to law school, graduate school, and a wide variety of careers as earlier generations had.

The department’s high quality continues to be recognized, for both graduate and undergraduate training. The authoritative National Research Council ratings of graduate programs and faculty in 1994 placed us 17th in the nation among Ph.D. programs – and 7th among public universities, 4th in the Big Ten, and among the very best departments at OSU. In their 1998 study of political science fields, *US News and World Report* ranked our American politics program 6th in the nation and put the international relations field at 11th and the comparative field at 17th. A year or so before the NRC study was released, a team of external evaluators reviewed the department and found us to be in very good shape. At the undergraduate level, the Gorman Report recently ranked us as the nation’s 21st best political science department in comparison with both colleges and universities, public and private. While we are pleased with the recognition we have
attained for the quality of our faculty, programs, and students, we are striving to do even better in the future.

As you may know, OSU has successfully concluded a development campaign to raise endowment funds so that the university’s programs can be even stronger than they would be otherwise with state and tuition funding. The department has been a beneficiary from this fundraising effort. In cooperation with the Mershon Center, we have hired a distinguished senior scholar to fill Mershon’s Woody Hayes Chair in National Security. A professorship in honor of the late Vernal Riffe, long-time Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, was endowed, and we currently are recruiting a distinguished faculty member to fill it. A chair in political communications and policy thinking is being endowed by Ann and Darrell Dreyer, and we look forward to filling it in a few years. In memory of Madison Scott, a distinguished alumnus of the department, a fund has been created to support the educational activities of minority students in the department, and five Scott Grants have been awarded already. The generosity of former students and friends has been one of the highlights of recent years, and we have deeply appreciated their contributions to support the department.

In 1999 the Department of Political Science won a demanding competition within the university for so-called Selective Investment (SI) funds. The SI program is designed to provide a handful of Ohio State programs with $1,000,000 in continuing funds to help them become one of the nation’s very best programs in that area. It is the SI departments that are expected to lead the way in elevating Ohio State to the top rank of research universities. We will use our funds to add new faculty to the department, which is below average in size compared to other top-20 departments and certainly relative to the number of majors we now are attracting. We will be recruiting both senior and junior faculty with this new money – and pursuing the opportunities it provides for joint faculty appointments with Economics and Law. Interdisciplinary teaching and research are becoming important hallmarks of the university of the 21st century, and Political Science at OSU is emerging as one of the leaders of this trend.

These are just some of the major changes in the Department of Political Science since the last edition of *PostScript*. Upcoming issues will chronicle additional developments as well as major events in the lives of our former students and friends. Please take the time to fill out the form in this issue to report your news. We really would like to hear from you.

Paul Allen Beck
Professor and Chair

Internet Class
Connects Students with Political Leaders

Professor Box-Steppensmeier’s course “Congress and the Policy Process” takes advantage of new opportunities for teaching and learning created by the internet. Classes featured interactive, real-time discussions between students and policy-makers in Washington, including highly visible elected officials like Senator Richard Lugar, media figures like CNN’s Candy Crowley, and non-elected figures like pollster Al Quinlan.

Each Friday, students heard major D.C. political actors discuss how they perceive the political process; students also asked questions of the speakers and engaged them in discussions both of current events and of how the “real world” of politics connects with the classroom.

Using technology as a bridge to volumes of available information, the course hopes to illuminate the close proximity students have to the government, thereby enhancing students’ own sense of political efficacy and suggesting that legislature and interest groups are not so far removed as recent scholarship has intimated.

In teaching the internet courses, the Department uses its computer teaching classroom and the University’s long-distance learning facility in Derby Hall.
Meet the New Faculty!

Sanford Gordon, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Princeton, '99), has research and teaching interests in American political institutions, focusing on political development, bureaucratic politics, regulation, and law and public policy. He is currently working on a study examining the political context of field-level decision making in regulatory bureaucracies, paying closest attention to environmental and food and drug enforcement. He has written on the dynamics of campaign contribution cycles, bureaucratic learning, and regulatory commitment. Current projects include a broader study of learning in organizational settings and of the interaction of formal and informal authority relationships in public bureaucracies.

Marcus Kurtz, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., University of California, '96), has research and teaching interests in comparative politics, political economy and development, and democratization, with a focus on Latin America. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. His publications have appeared in several major journals, and he is currently completing a book manuscript entitled, Free Market Democracy: Neoliberalism and the Sectoral Basis of Regime Transformation in Chile and Mexico. Other ongoing research examines the causes and consequences of differing strategies of international economic integration in Latin America, as well as the political implications of variations in the institutional organization of state-society linkages.

Catherine Hafer, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Rochester, '00) specializes in the use of mathematics to model social and political phenomena. Her current research projects focus on the emergence and maintenance of property rights, enforcing institutions in the absence of a strong central government actor, effects of political institutions on economic development, and the stability of political institutions in the face of economic change. Her other interests include urban politics and the determinants of constitutional stability.

Theodore Hopf, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Columbia, '89), has published a book on deterrence theory and American and Soviet foreign policy in the Third World during the Cold War, edited a book on new theoretical approaches to contemporary Russian foreign policy, and is completing a book manuscript on identity and international relations theory. He has published articles on issues in international relations theory and security, US-Soviet/Russia relations, and the former Soviet space. Additional research interests include methodology, comparative transition politics in the former Soviet Union, and appeasement.

John Mueller, Professor and Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, Mershon Center (Ph.D. UCLA, '65), pursues research and teaching interests in international relations, public opinion, post-Communism, national security policy, and diplomatic and military history. Among his books are War, Presidents, and Public Opinion, Retreat from Doomsday: the Obsolescence of Major War, Policy and Opinion in the Gulf War, Astaire Dancing: the Musical Films, Quiet Cataclysm: Reflections on the Recent Transformation of World Politics, and Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. He has published articles in several major journals, as well as op-ed pieces in New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Los Angeles Times. A musical play he co-wrote, "A Foggy Day," was successfully produced at the Shaw Festival in Ontario. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, has been a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, and has received several teaching awards.

Diana Mutz, Professor (Ph.D., Stanford, '88) has research and teaching interests in political communication and media politics. She comes to Ohio State from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Most recently Mutz authored Impersonal Influence: How Perceptions of Mass Collectives Affect Political Attitudes (Cambridge University Press, 1998), which won the American Political Science Association's Robert Lane Award for the Best (Continued on page 5)
Political Science Home to Two Journals

The Department of Political Science is proud to be the home of the American Journal of Political Science and Political Behavior.

Founded in 1956, the American Journal of Political Science publishes research in all major areas of political science, including American politics, public policy, international relations, comparative politics, political methodology, and political theory. It includes articles of general interest, essays, and a workshop section on new developments in research methodology. Gregory A. Caldeira, Professor of Political Science, The Ohio State University, is the Editor.

Department faculty Herb Asher, John Kessel and Herb Weisberg were previous editors of the Journal.

Political Behavior publishes articles in the general field of political behavior, institutions, processes, and policies. The approach may be economic, psychological, sociological, or political. The focus of attention may be the political behavior of the individual person or small group, or of large organizations that participate in the political process.

As an interdisciplinary journal, Political Behavior welcomes contributions that will integrate various approaches across different levels of theoretical abstraction and empirical domain. Diana Mutz is Editor in Chief.

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Book in Political Psychology. She also serves as Editor-in-Chief of Political Behavior. She currently holds two National Science Foundation grants, one to study informal conversations about politics that occur in the American workplace, and another for a series of laboratory experiments that will lead to a better understanding of how people process televised information about political viewpoints that differ from their own.

Jakub Zielinski, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., U. of Chicago, ‘99), did his undergraduate work at Stanford University. After graduation, he worked at the Carnegie Endowment, a think tank in Washington, D.C. He has research and teaching interests in comparative politics and game theory, and has published on the Polish transition to democracy, party system transition in Eastern Europe, and violence in democratic transitions. In his free time, he dreams of climbing very big mountains.

The Department has recently awarded appointments to faculty with primary appointments in other departments.

Massimo Morelli (PhD, Harvard U., ‘96) is an Assistant Professor in Economics who specializes in Political Economy.

Bert Rockman (PhD, Michigan U., ‘74) is Director of the School of Public Policy and Management and specializes in political institutions and organizations.

Exciting Opportunities at the John Glenn Institute

The new John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy has established a Washington Academic Internship Program for OSU students under the direction of Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science Elizabeth Boles. It selects outstanding undergraduates to spend a quarter in Washington, D.C. as John Glenn Fellows. Students work in field placements areas reflecting areas of academic interest such as Capitol Hill, Federal offices, policy centers, international organizations, and museums. The first class of students was enrolled in Spring 2000.

While in Washington, Glenn Fellows remain fully registered Ohio State students. The core of the curriculum is a research seminar that combines the internship with class meetings emphasizing research methods, policy analysis, bibliographic development and analytical writing. Each participant also takes a course exploring policy-making and public service in the Washington community.

The Institute was created in September 1998 to address key public policy challenges through stimulation and sponsorship of university research and outreach activities, and to improve the state of public service by creating initiatives for Ohio State students and projects that examine the factors enhancing and diminishing public service and by sponsoring training sessions for current public officials and public sector leaders.
Reception Celebrates Undergraduate Achievement

Outstanding undergraduates were honored in a reception held by the Political Science Department on Thursday, June 8 in the Sanders Grand Lounge of the Longaberger Alumni House. The awards ceremony was hosted by Professor Richard Sisson, the Chair of the Department’s Awards Committee.

Keynote Speaker Carter Phillips, a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, shared his experiences with the Supreme Court and Department of Justice. His speech ranged included insights drawn from arguing cases before the Supreme Court to personal and professional experiences with the Justices. Phillips served as an example of the potential represented in a room packed with high-achieving students. After his address he was given the Department’s first Distinguished Alumni Award.

Numerous students were recognized: Allison Blosser and Heather Mann received the Bryan Prize for the Best Undergraduate Paper written for a class; Jessica Weeks, Robert Kurth, Jonathan Vaas, Stacie Pettyjohn and Nolan Thomas received the Lawrence J.R. Herson Outstanding Junior Achievement Award; Soraya Rofagha, Sarah Paschell, Allison Blosser, Robert Krummen and Jennifer Spence received the Lawrence J.R. Herson Outstanding Senior Achievement Award. Also, Lawrence Baum and Brian Pollins received the Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award.

Award presentations were followed by the induction of 34 new members into the Political Science Honor Society, led by Pi Sigma Alpha president Jason Burge.

The Awards

The depth and heritage of the Political Science program is reflected in the awards presented to undergraduates. Funds endowing awards honor political leaders, scholars and educators, and date back more than one hundred years.

The Bryan Prize stems from a fund believed to have been personally established by William Jennings Bryan, a three-time presidential candidate and member of Congress. The fund was created in 1898, two years after his first presidential nomination.

The Herson Award for Academic Excellence for Juniors and the Herson Award for Academic Excellence for Seniors honor Lawrence J.R. Herson, a Professor Emeritus from the Department. Dr. Herson was a distinguished scholar of political theory and urban politics, served as Department Chair from 1962 to 1969 and, afterwards, as Dean of Undergraduate Studies at OSU. The endowment was established by his former colleagues and students. Dr. Herson presented the awards at the reception.

Keynote Speaker an Example of Achievement for Undergraduates

Carter Phillips graduated summa cum laude from Ohio State in 1973 with a major in Political Science. He is a Managing Partner of the Washington DC office of Sidley and Austin, and a prominent member of the Supreme Court Bar.

He recently was named by The National Law Journal as one of America’s 100 Most Influential Lawyers. He has argued 31 cases before the Supreme Court, including three in 2000 (all of which he won). The Microsoft Corporation retained him in June 2000 to represent them before the Supreme Court in their antitrust case.

Mr. Phillips served as a law clerk to both Judge Robert Sprecher on the U.S. Court of Appeals and Chief Justice Warren E. Burger on the U.S. Supreme Court and as Assistant Solicitor General before joining Sidley and Austin, where he has maintained an active appellate practice.
Keeping in Touch

Following are some updates from OSU Political Science Alumni. If you'd like to share your current interests and achievements, we'd be pleased to include them in the next issue of PostScript.

John Kasich is ending a distinguished career as a member of the United States House of Representatives at the end of 2000. Representative Kasich, who has represented Columbus' 12th District for nine terms, has been Chair of the House Budget Committee and was a candidate for President in 2000. He received a BA in Political Science from Ohio State University in 1974.

Frederick A. Sowards, a partner with Hammond Law Office, was recognized in October 1999 with a William Oxley Thompson Alumni Award. The award is presented to Ohio State University alumni age 35 and under who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement, or both.

At the age of 32, Sowards became a partner with Hammond Law Office, where he handles civil trial cases and complex medical malpractice issues. He has also devoted a significant amount of time to a particular community service interest — Camp Sunrise. The project, designed to give youthful AIDS/HIV victims an unforgettable camp experience, began in 1994. Sowards received a B.A. in Political Science from Ohio State University in 1987, and a J.D. in 1990.

Barry Burden, who received his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1995, won the 2000 Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award for the best dissertation nationally written in the Social Sciences. It was presented at the national meeting of graduate school deans. His dissertation was on "Candidates' Positions in Congressional Elections."

Barry is an Assistant Professor of Government at Harvard University. His book, "Why Americans Split Their Tickets: Campaigns, Competition, and Divided Government" with David Kimball, another Ph.D. from our department, is slated for publication by the University of Michigan Press.

Mark C. Miller, Associate Professor at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, was selected as the 1999-2000 Judicial Fellow assigned to the Supreme Court of the United States.

While at Clark University, Miller received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award in 1994, the Outstanding Advisor of the Year award in 1997, and The Oliver and Dorothy Hayden Junior Faculty Fellowship Award for excellence in teaching and research in 1996. Miller received a Ph.D. in American Politics in 1990 from Ohio State University. His publications include The High Priests of American Politics: The Role of Lawyers in American Political Institutions.

Jennifer A. Segal, Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, has been selected as the 2000-2001 Judicial Fellow assigned to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Dr. Segal's research interests include public attitudes about the Supreme Court, political representation on the federal bench and the relationship between the mass media and the courts. In addition to the publication of her work as articles and research notes, she has published a co-authored book with OSU Professor Elliot Slotnick about network television news coverage of the Supreme Court, titled Television and the Supreme Court: All the News That's Fit to Air (Cambridge University Press 1998).

Segal received a Ph.D. in American Politics from Ohio State University in 1995.

The Judicial Fellows Program, created in 1973 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, provides promising individuals with a first-hand understanding of the federal government, in particular, the judicial branch. In the words of Chief Justice Rehnquist, the program "offers a unique opportunity for outstanding individuals to apply their talents and interests to the administration of justice at the national level."
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