Alumni Spotlight:
CONTRASTS OF LIFE ADD SPICE TO ALUM’S CAREER

Sometimes the changes we go through are mild. Sometimes, they aren’t.

For Louis Damiani (BA ’75), the decade since his graduation from Ohio State has given him some stark contrasts on how people live.

During his four years as an undergraduate political science major (1972-75) Damiani was first a page and then legislative assistant to former Ohio House Speaker A. G. Lancione. He resigned that post in January, 1975 prior to his March graduation that year.

He suddenly found himself out of the marble-lined, thick-carpeted hallways of the Statehouse and in the coal mines of his native Belmont County, saving enough money to pay for his first year at Cleveland Marshall Law School.

Then came another sharp turn.

“Left the coal mine on a Friday and started law school the next Monday,” Damiani, the current director of the Ohio Supreme Court, said. “That was a major contrast that I cannot forget.”

While in law school from 1975 to 1979, Damiani served as a legal intern for the City of Brook Park and a law clerk for the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas/Domestic Relations Court.

After law school graduation, he went through a series of legal posts, first as a trial referee for Cuyahoga County’s Domestic Relations Court from 1979 to 1981, then as an administrative assistant to Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank D. Celebrezze in 1981 and 1982, and in private law practice in Cleveland in 1982 and 1983.

In 1983, Chief Justice Celebrezze named Damiani director of the Supreme Court, making him, at age 29, the youngest person to serve in that post in the United States.

“When I graduated from OSU in 1975,” Damiani said, “I really had no idea what I wanted to do other than to go to law school. This job just sort of happened. I don’t know where it will lead.”

Damiani thinks his experiences in various fields has been a tremendous education.

“I was fortunate to work for Speaker Lancione,” he continued. “In the mornings I studied political science and in the afternoons I got to live it. Sometimes,” he reflected, “there is a conflict in what we are taught and what we see, or from what ought to be and what is, but we still have the best system around.”

Damiani’s current job has him overseeing the operations of Ohio’s high court, which involves making sure all 88 county common pleas courts run smoothly and that Ohio’s lawyers are doing their jobs properly.

In this job, Damiani is secretary to a variety of legal boards and commissions, including those on Grievances and Discipline of the Bar, Rules Advisory Committee, the Ohio Supreme Court Traffic Rules Commission, the court’s Board of Commissioners on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, the Judicial Qualifications and Endorsements Committee, the Committee to Study the Proposed American Bar Association Model Rules, and the Client Security Fund Committee.

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We at the Department of Political Science want to express our sincere gratitude to the many alumni and friends who have answered our call for contributions through The Ohio State University Development Fund.

Your response since Post Script first appeared in June, 1983 has been tremendous, showing that many of you have strong feelings for your days at Ohio State.

While the response to our request for contributions has indeed been heartening, we want to encourage other alumni and friends to join in supporting the variety of projects and programs that have helped make the Department of Political Science a Center for Excellence at Ohio State.

These projects and programs include computerizing the department, support for guest lecturers and funding faculty and graduate student travel to a host of scholarly conferences.

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MARK LOMBARDI, a doctoral student majoring in international relations, was given the 1984 - 1985 Graduate Teaching Associate Award by The Ohio State University Graduate School.

The award, which garnered Lombardi a plaque and $1,000, was given in recognition of Lombardi's teaching of undergraduate courses in international and comparative politics, American foreign policy, and introductory political science.

Lombardi was nominated for the award by his students.

Another doctoral student majoring in international relations, WELLING HALL, was given the Harry And Carl Sonkin Memorial Award for International Peace and Understanding in recognition of her "outstanding work in international studies leading to international peace and understanding."

The award, given by the International Studies Department and the Melton Center, includes a $500 stipend.

In addition, the Department of Political Science awarded the 1985 Bryan Prize to MIKE ESLER for his paper "Who Gets What With Speculations on How in Columbus Small Claims Court," and to NADINE KOCH for her paper "Public Perceptions of Network Polling."

The department also awarded the 1985 Aman Prize to AIJI TANAKA for his paper "System Support in Japan," to TERRI ROYED for her paper "The Reagan and Thatcher Effects: Taxation and Expenditures in the United States and Great Britain," and to undergraduate honors student JOHN MAJOR for his paper "The Tradition of Limited Participation in Global Multilateral Efforts within Twentieth Century U.S. Foreign Policy."

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He is also treasurer of the Ohio Judicial Conference, a member of the Governor's Office Law Enforcement Liaison Committee and the Ohio Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement, and a lecturer at the Ohio Judicial College and the Greater Cleveland Bar Trial Advocacy Institute.

Damiani is philosophical about the current controversies surrounding the Supreme Court and some of its justices, saying the court "is the only body in the state where seven statewide elected officials are thrown together into one office. There are bound to be some problems now and again."

"I try to stay out of them as much as possible but I serve at the pleasure of the chief justice. He is my boss."

Damiani remembers his undergraduate days with fondness. His advisor, Dr. Stuart Thorson, "was the kind of guy who encouraged you to work and think on your own. I really respected that."
1940
Darrell R. Hottle (BA) was elected to his sixth consecutive term as a common pleas judge of Highland County, Ohio last November. Judge Hottle lives in Hillsboro.

1941
Wesley L. Gould (MA) retired in 1984 as a professor of political science from Wayne State University in Detroit. Professor Gould is currently working on a comparative study of regional governments in the United States, Canada and England.

1943
Fredrick T. Bent (BA) is a professor in the Graduate School of Management at Cornell University. Professor Bent, currently on leave from Cornell, was a public management consultant to the Lebanese government's Council on Reconstruction and Development when he was forced to evacuate Lebanon last February. "If the situation quiets down," he writes, "I'll return."

1948
Nicholas A. Natsios (BA) received a Masters Degree in international law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1983 after retiring from the United States Foreign Service and working as a consultant and lecturer on foreign affairs.

1949
Elbert P. Cray (BA) is a social studies teacher in Garfield Heights, Ohio and makes his home in Chagrin Falls.
Sidney Gross (BA) becomes chairman of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at New York University in New York City Aug. 1 of this year.

1950
Rear Admiral William A. Cockell, Jr. (BA) is currently Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Training Command in San Diego, California.

1952
James L. Busey (Ph.D.) is professor emeritus of political science at the University of Colorado. He lives in Manitou Springs, Colorado.

1954
William P. Mehan (BA) is in private law practice in Fort Myers, Florida, where his hobbies include "watching 11 children grow up."

1957
Richard Dale (MA) is associate professor of political science at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
Allan J. Shafman (BA, MA '63) is president of Environmental Communications Inc. in Costa Mesa, California, which manufactures military custom hybrid microelectronic circuits and hermetic enclosures.
Fred Stein (BA) is an instructor in fashion merchandising at Kent State University. He lives in Norwalk, Ohio.

1958
Robert D. Zitko (BA) is in private law practice in Columbus.

1959
Darryl Mirkin (BA) recently retired after 21 years as a military intelligence officer. He lives in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

1960
Robert C. Watson (BA) is a regional manager for Storage Technology Corp. in Dallas. He lives in Lewisville, Texas.

1961
Joseph A. Porch (BA) was recently named Vice President of Contracts and Subcontracts for Tracor, Inc. of Austin, Texas after serving as manager of contracts with General Dynamics Fort Worth Division. He lives in Fort Worth.

1962
Lee E. Grugel (BA) is Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Dr. Grugel is a former professor of history at Moorhead State University.

1964
Samuel L. Lane (BA) is a workers compensation administrator for Weiser Lock in Huntington Beach, California.
Ronald J. Stupak (MA, Ph.D.'67) was Associate Dean for Programs at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia before becoming director of the Washington Public Affairs Center for the University of Southern California this year, where he is a professor in USC's School of Public Administration.

1965
William C. Louthan (BA, MA '67, Ph.D. '70) is Dean of Academic Affairs and Executive Assistant to the President of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.
Jeff Thompson (MA) is president of Far Eastern Gems and Trinity Properties in Oklahoma City. In 1984 he was named the Public Affairs Officer of the Year by the United States Air Force Reserve headquarters at Robbins AFB, Georgia.

1966
Nelson M. Atwell (BA) is in private law practice in San Antonio, Texas and an instructor for The State of Texas Law Enforcement Commission for the Alamo Area Council of Governments at San Antonio College.
Thomas C. Hone (BA) became a professor of Management at the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in March.

1967
Wendy Lieberman Marx (BA) is a dental hygienist and office manager in Hollywood, Florida. She has four children.

1968
James N. Kreider (BA) is director of financial planning and analysis for NWL Control Systems Division of Pneumo Corporation in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1969
Douglas H. Dearth (BA, MA '71) is Crisis Manager at the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center in Washington, D.C. He is attending the U.S. Army War College for the 1968-69 academic year.
Rev. Charles E. Hawkins (BA) is currently Director of Development and

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Public Relations for the Benedictine Order of Cleveland. He was formerly employed by Xerox Corporation.

1971
Lee H. Bishop (BA) is president of DeVry Institute of Technology - Chicago Campus. He lives in Evanston, Illinois.

Roy J. Brinkman (BA) is a programmer in Systems Development / Processing Department for A.T. & T. Communications in Cincinnati.

Herndon R. Cummings (BA) is a general construction representative for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Architect, in Columbus.

Harold J. Pendergrass (BA) is living in Berkeley, California.

1972
Thomas M. Aldrich (BA) is general manager of the Rosecroft Raceway in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Philip W. Boyko (BA) is an attorney in Houston, Texas.

Sandy Gorby (BA) is an internal consultant and administrator for management development for United Telephone Co. in Mansfield, Ohio.

Ronald L. Hadley (BA) is a sales representative of small systems for Digital Equipment Corp. in Columbus. He also serves as president of the Dublin Local Board of Education.

Ronald E. Jones (BA) is acting director of the Community Development Analysis Division for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C.

1973
Robert R. Bezdek (Ph.D.) is associate professor of political science at Corpus Christi State University in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Michael T. Fleming (BA) is a sales representative for V.E. Brackett Co. of Norcross, Georgia, living in Tampa, Florida.

Pete M. Murchison (MA) is an associate for O'Connell & Kittrell in Washington, D.C.

1974
Stanford H. Lampe (BA) is regional director for government and community relations for Alcan Aluminum Corp. of Cleveland. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Susan Pratt Munthe (BA) is an examiner for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C.

Steven A. Shull (Ph.D.) is professor of political science at the University of New Orleans. He was recently named a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

1975
Capt. Rodney E. Connors (BA) is a course developer in military science at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Louis C. Damiani (BA) is director of the Ohio Supreme Court in Columbus. He was the youngest state supreme court director in the Ohio Supreme Court in the United States when he was named to the post in 1983 at the age of 29.

Alan Stuart Davis (BA) is vice president and general counsel for Seville Investment Group Ltd. in Atlanta, Georgia.

John Vogel (BA) is in maintenance for McIntosh in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

1976
Michael R. Chellis (BA) is in private law practice in Columbus.

John W. Dannhausen (BA) practices law in Los Angeles, California.


Harriet Wain McBride (BA) is a consultant in management and public relations, specializing in health care, in Columbus. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the American Federation for Aging Research.

Barbara J. Nelson (Ph.D.) is associate professor at the Hubert Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

Howard F. Wise (MA) is manager of the Office of Industrial Development for the Ohio Department of Development in Columbus.

1977
Edna Tennenbaum (BA, MA '83) is an instructor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. In September she begins doctoral studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and plans to return to the Air Force Academy.

1978
Steve Platau (BA) is an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida.

1979
Thomas O. Jackson (MA) is a senior research associate for Economic Research Services, Inc. in Tallahassee, Florida.

1980
Kim Beem (BA) is a commercial writer for the Farmers Insurance Group in Columbus.

Ralph G. Carter (Ph.D.) is assistant professor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Kurt O. Gearhiser (BA) is an assistant attorney general in the Liquor Control Section of the Ohio Attorney General's office in Columbus.

Kelly J. Koelker (BA, MA '84) is in law school at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Barry M. Taylor is an attorney in Huntington, West Virginia.

1981
Donna-Marie Anne Belton (BA) is a sales coordinator for Economics Corporation in Sunnyvale, California.

Brent Anthony Friedman (BA) graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1984 and is now a clerk to the presiding judge of the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sue Roush Grubbaugh (BA) is personnel assistant for Litel Telecommunications Corp. in Worthington, Ohio.

Randall L. Maple (BA) was elected Belmont County Clerk of Courts. He lives in Bellaire, Ohio.

Leonard Williams (Ph.D.) is assistant professor of political science at Manchester College in Indiana.

Carmine Zarlinga (BA) is an attorney for Howrey & Simon in Washington, D.C.

1982
Maryke Breuning (BA) is coordinator of public relations and American Overseas Programs for Youth for Understanding in Columbus.

Mary Collins (BA) is a legal intern in Spokane, Washington.

J. Edward Fox (BA) is principal deputy assistant for legislative and intergovernmental affairs for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Jerry Klett (BA) is a recent graduate of the University of Dayton Law School and is awaiting the results of the Ohio Bar Examination.

Randy W. Maxwell (BA) is a sales representative for Wallace Computer Services Inc. in Columbus.

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1983
Saundra Ardrey (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor of political science at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. She was selected as Outstanding Young Woman of the South and as Outstanding Black American, both in 1985.
Bridgette Caryn Roman (BA) is director of development and public relations for the American Lung Association of Ohio in Youngstown.
Rebecca Lambourne Steward (BA) is a legislative intern for the Ohio House of Representatives.

1984
Kristopher L. Howerton (BA) is a sales representative for the J.M. Smucker Co. in Orrville, Ohio.

Marty G. Richards (MA) is an assistant planner for the Greenville County Planning Commission in Greenville, South Carolina.

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