Alumnus Spotlight

Peter Pajor

As we continue to receive news about political science alumni, it is amazing to see the wide variety of occupations chosen by alumni. The only thing that any of us have in common is our link at one point in time to the Department of Political Science here at Ohio State. Each of us has probably, however fleetingly, entertained the notion of working for the government, of being involved in current issues. For Peter Pajor (B.A., 1985), this has become a reality as he is currently working with the International Trade Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Pajor is a trade specialist in the Office of Multilateral Affairs—GATT Division. His position is part of a program sponsored by the International Trade Administration designed to attract people to work with the government. Concurrent with his position, Pajor is pursuing an M.A. in International Affairs at George Washington University which he hopes to complete by 1988. After graduation, he will go through a rotation of internships, similar to the residency program that a medical student must complete. The rotation covers all areas in the International Trade Administration, including offices of International Economic Policies, Trade Development, etc.

NEW FACULTY JOIN DEPARTMENT

Reflect on your days here at Ohio State—do you remember your political science professors? Recently, the department has experienced dramatic changes in its faculty. Professor Randall B. Ripley, chairman of the department since 1969, notes that “beginning in 1983, the Department has been supported by the University and College in ways that have allowed us to expand by a net total of seven faculty members. I think we have used this marvelous opportunity well.”

This autumn, we welcome four new faculty members. Professor Paul A. Beck has returned to the Midwest to teach here at Ohio State. Born in Indiana, he received his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and subsequent M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1971, Professor Beck taught at the University of Pittsburgh until 1974 when he moved to Florida State University. From 1981-87, Beck served as chairman of the Department of Political Science at FSU.

Beck’s basic interests lie in electoral politics and voting behavior. This autumn, he taught a class on voting behavior and participation. During the winter quarter, he will teach a graduate seminar on American politics. His future projects include a study of the realignment process from the perspective of state politics. Additionally, he will be conducting research with a group of scholars to study the sources of electoral judgement in four nations. Although primarily interested in American politics, Beck says, “it is impossible to do social science without comparison across space or across time—even if you are only interested in one country.”

Professor Beck has coauthored a number of books, including the sixth edition of Party Politics in America, with Frank Sorauf. He has also been extremely active in journals such as American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, and Social Science History, in which he recently published “Citizen Views of Taxes and Services.”

Donald Chisholm comes to us from the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned both his B.A. and Ph.D. (1984) and taught during the 1986-87 academic year. His prior teaching assignments were at Michigan State University, while he completed work on his dissertation, and at UC-San Diego. Professor Chisholm’s eclectic research interests include theories of organizations, policy analysis, and bureaucratic politics. In the immediate future, his teaching responsibilities at Ohio State will include courses on the presidency and bureaucratic politics, and public policy analysis.

Among Chisholm’s current research interests are problems of organizational change. In particular, he hopes to better explain the process by which organizations adapt to changes in their environments. Chisholm has a forthcoming book from the University of California Press entitled Coordination By Negotiation.

Kevin O’Brien joins the comparative politics field, replacing David Lampton as the Department’s expert on Chinese politics. Professor O’Brien, a 1987 Yale Ph.D., specializes in the study of Chinese legislative politics. He will teach classes focusing on Chinese and Asian politics, as well as more general comparative politics courses.

O’Brien earned his B.A. from Grinnell College in Iowa and completed intensive Chinese language study at Middlebury College and Yale. In 1983-84, he continued language study while pursuing doctoral field research in Harbin, China. Ironically, O’Brien’s connections to get into China were through his wife who was conducting research at a forestry institute in China. Currently, O’Brien is teaching an undergraduate course on contemporary political problems, a class which he enjoys immensely, reflecting that “it really reminds me why I became a political scientist, something which is easy to lose track of during the dissertation process.”
CLAUSEN SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Professor Aage R. Clausen has served, during the past year, as president of the Social Science History Association. Clausen, who is Director of the Polimetrics Laboratory, served as vice-president during 1985-86 and has been active in the Association since its inception in 1974. The Social Science History Association (SSHA) is an interdisciplinary association concerned with the application of social science theory and methods to historical studies. Comprised of approximately 700 members from the United States, Canada and various European countries, the association endeavors to attract scholars in the humanities and social sciences, who are interested in historical research. SSHA publishes a quarterly journal, Social Science History, which began publication in 1976.

In his presidential address, Clausen focused on the citation record of the journal as one measurement of the impact of the journal and of the association. Specifically, he was interested in knowing if the journal impact increased as time passed and to what degree the journal was cited in non-history journals. Clausen concluded that "surprisingly, ten years isn't really a long enough period of time to evaluate the success of a journal. We will need four to five more years to determine if the observed increase in citations is due to more volumes to cite or to increased impact."

Research on the journal's citation record was conducted through use of the department's online bibliographic search facility. The department supports online searches by faculty and graduate students; these searches are conducted by the Polimetrics staff. The bibliographic search scans articles published during the last 15 years in over one thousand journals indexed by the Social Science Citation Index, and other indexes such as the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. Articles on specified subjects are retrieved on the basis of key words in titles and/or their citations of works on the same subject.

"This study was made possible because of access to resources such as the bibliographic research service," says Clausen. "It probably would have been impossible in any other setting."

Key in the research process was Jushieh J. Wu, a graduate research associate at the Polimetrics Laboratory, who was active in the search and compilation of citations. Additional assistance was provided by Mary Ann Kasofsky, also a graduate research associate in the Lab and Sang-Min Sohn, a departmental teaching associate.

The paper on which Clausen's presidential address was based will be published in a forthcoming issue of Social Science History. After his term as president, Clausen will continue to serve on the association's Executive Committee for another three years, during which time he will continue analysis of the citation record and its implication for the success of the journal and the association.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sandy Wood, departmental secretary, who recently celebrated her thirteenth year with the Department of Political Science. We thank Sandy for all of her work and many contributions to the department.

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Pajor feels positive about the GATT negotiations. "We have completed the initial phase of negotiations and have targeted several issues for early harvest." With regard to the countervailing duties placed upon Japanese goods earlier this year, Pajor says, "the administration's goal has always been fair trade. We hope that a stronger GATT will ensure fair trade practices."

Pajor, originally from Lima, Ohio, says that his interest in politics and political science was realized in his second quarter at Ohio State. "I took an introduction to political ideologies course during winter quarter and was really inspired to continue studies in international politics." Additionally, Pajor minored in Spanish language. Although initially planning to pursue a legal career, Peter Pajor seems to have found his own niche in the hustle and bustle of Washington.

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Welcome New Graduate Students

Autumn quarter brings cooler weather, football, bright leaves and new students to Ohio State. In recent years, the Department has stepped up its efforts to recruit new graduate students. Professor Elliot E. Slotnick, chairman of the Department’s Admissions and Financial Aids Committee, says, “we try to recruit aggressively by relying on friends of the department at other universities.” What kind of student is the department looking for? “The admissions process does not follow any formula,” says Slotnick. “We put in a great deal of time to consider each student on his or her own merits and try to involve as many people in the process as possible.”

The department’s recruitment process has been highly successful and Slotnick has even been approached by other departments and universities for tips on recruitment of graduate students.

The new class of graduate students entering this fall possesses a wide variety of backgrounds. Some, like Staci Rhine, are continuing their education straight from the undergraduate level. Rhine graduated from the University of Iowa in 1987 with a B.A. in political science and Russian.

Others earned undergraduate degrees and took time off before returning to school for a graduate degree. Marijke Breuning, who was born and raised in the Netherlands, received her bachelor’s degree from Ohio State in 1982. Breuning also earned an M.A. in journalism and worked for Youth for Understanding International Exchange before joining our department.

Jeanne Hey put her B.A. in international relations and Spanish (Bucknell, 1985) to good use as she taught high school social studies and Spanish in Atlantic City, New Jersey for two years. Hey says she entered graduate school because she would like to teach at the university level.

Paul Hoyt received his B.A. in political science in 1985 from UCLA. Following graduation, Hoyt worked at a stock brokerage firm and a communications firm, before making the transition back to school.

Jeff Morrison spent several years in Micronesia as a missionary. Originally from Canada, Morrison attended school in Geneva, Switzerland while his father was working at the United Nations. Morrison received his B.A. in political science from Brigham Young University in 1987 and has come to Ohio State to continue the family tradition of political science.

Several of the new students enter political science from completely different occupations or disciplines. For example, Barbara Newman received her B.S. in nursing from the University of North Dakota in 1976. For nine years, she explored the medical profession as an operating nurse in Madison, Wisconsin and San Diego, California. Now Newman has decided to leave nursing and is pursuing her Ph.D. in international relations.

Liz Reyer, who graduated with her B.A. in Chinese from the University of Minnesota in 1987, claims that some time off during her undergraduate years served her well—“it gave me the opportunity to travel and continue my studies in music.” Reyer is returning to school to pursue her Ph.D. in international relations.

Grier Patterson returns to the U.S. after spending the past two years in Japan studying Japanese and teaching English. Patterson, who earned his B.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Iowa in 1985 says he came to Ohio State because, “I am interested in continuing my studies in Japanese politics and the faculty is well suited to my desires.”

We welcome these students and the rest of the first year class and wish them well in their years here at Ohio State.

Faculty News

Professor Chadwick F. Alger traveled throughout Japan this past summer, including the cities of Atsugi, Hiroshima, Osaka, Kobe, Mito, Nagoya, Yokohama, Tokyo and Kofu, speaking on “The Internationalization of Local Communities.” Alger also spoke at the National College of Education, Evanston, Illinois, in cooperation with Global Education Associates on “The Local Roots of Global Education.” In September, Alger attended the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and presented a paper entitled, “The World Relations of Cities: Closing the Gap Between Social Science Paradigms and Everyday Human Experience.”


Professor Gregory Caldeira’s article, “Public Opinion and the U.S. Supreme Court,” will be included in the December issue of American Political Science Review. Caldeira also attended the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and presented a paper entitled, “Organized Interests and Agenda-Setting in the Supreme Court.”

Professor Richard Gunther has a chapter entitled “Democratization and Party Building: The Role of the Party Elites in the Spanish Transition,” in Robert P. Clark and Michael H. Haltzell, Spain in the 1980s, published by Ballinger Press. Gunther also attended a meeting at the European University Institute, Badia Fiesolana, in Florence Italy and presented a paper at the Conference of Europeanists, in Washington, D.C.

Professors Richard Herrmann and Margaret Herrmann attended the first in a series of conferences on foreign and defense policy decision making.

Professor Charles F. Herrmann has been nominated as president of the International Studies Association for 1989-90.

NEW FACULTY

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Shibley Telhami joins our department as a University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. (1986). Professor Telhami earned a B.A. in mathematics from the City University of New York, Queen’s College. He also received an M.A. in philosophy before turning to political science in 1980, and has studied and researched in Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Soviet Union. His previous teaching assignments included Swarthmore, Princeton and the University of Southern California.

Telhami’s main substantive interests are Middle Eastern politics, American foreign policy, Soviet foreign policy and methodology. His dissertation, a study of international bargaining focusing on the Camp David Accords, has yielded a book manuscript entitled, Superpowers or Clever Leaders: Explaining the Camp David Accords. Telhami is currently writing a book (with Joshua Goldstein), The Logic of Method in the Social Sciences. His next project is to develop a formal theory of foreign policy, that would be empirically applied to American policy in the Middle East.

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Here is the latest news from some of your former classmates.

1922
HELEN IMBODEN CONLEY ARNOLD (B.A., M.A., 1938) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has retired after 32 years of teaching. She is still active in AAUW and in the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Wayne.

1939
ARTHUR L. TACKMAN (M.S. in P.A.) of Glenwood, New Mexico, has retired after 34 years of federal service, including positions in the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Atomic Energy Commission. Tackman now owns and operates a cattle ranch and publishes a weekly newspaper with his wife.

1965
DAVID TIMOTHY MILLIGAN (B.A., J.D., 1968) of Westerville, Ohio, is an attorney-at-law and Director of Pastoral Counseling at Central College Church.

1966
THOMAS C. HONE (B.A.) of Arlington, Virginia, is a senior associate at Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., and conducts strategic analyses for the Department of Defense.

1969
CARL E. BYSTROM (B.A., M.A., 1970) of Concord, Ohio is an attorney-at-law in Painesville, Ohio.

1970
JOHN J. CAREY (M.A.) is Deputy Assistant Administrator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. He resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

1971
MURRAY LEIPZIG (B.A.) of Morris Plains, New Jersey, is a partner in a Parsippany accounting firm. He is married with one daughter.

1980

1982
DEBORAH L. ROGAL (B.A.) of Brookline, Massachusetts, has recently been promoted to Program Manager in the Health Programs Development Area at Blue Cross of Massachusetts.

REBECCA LAMBORNE STEWARD (B.A.) of Fullerton, California, is attending Southwestern University School of Law.

1984
LAUREN BOWEN (B.A.) passed her doctoral qualifying examinations for political science at the University of Kentucky and recently married.

CLYDE WILCOX (Ph.D.) is now Assistant Professor, Department of Government, at Georgetown University.

1985
SARAH WINNER (B.A.) of Smyrna, Georgia, is earning a Master of Science degree in Information Systems at Georgia State University.

1985
LARRY CONNIN (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor at Pennsylvania State University at Altoona.

NANCY FLACK THOMAS (M.A.) of Columbus, is a policy aide for Governor Richard Celeste. She is married with one son.

1986
NANCY CLARK (M.A.) of Columbia, South Carolina, is an assistant professor in the College of Journalism at the University of South Carolina. She was named Gannett Teaching Fellow for summer 1987.

JOHN SCHAFFER (B.A.) of Woodville, Ohio, is a second year law student at the Law School of the University of Toledo.

1987
WILLIAM D. ECHOLS (Ph.D.) is a Deputy Intelligence Officer specializing in Soviet naval strategy. He resides in Beltsville, Maryland.

NAOHISA FUKUTANI (M.A.) of Tokyo, Japan, is a financing analyst with the Mitsui Bank, Ltd., Tokyo Branch.
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FACULTY NEWS

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Professors John H. Kessel and William G. Jacoby have been awarded a National Science Foundation grant. The study endeavors to make precise comparisons between presidential parties and formal party organizations, and the political orientations of the individuals that staff them.

Additionally, Jacoby has a forthcoming article in American Journal of Political Science entitled, "The Impact of Party Identification Issue Attitudes." Jacoby also presented a paper, "The Sources of Liberal-Conservative Thinking," at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association in September.

Professor Samuel C. Patterson presented a paper entitled, "The Persistence of State Parties," at the Conference on State Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. In addition, Patterson delivered a lecture at Northern Illinois University on "Institutionalized Skepticism in Political Research." He also gave this lecture as a keynote address to the Oklahoma Political Science Association in December.

Patterson's article, "Political Friendship in the Legislature," co-authored with Gregory A. Caldeira has been published in the November issue of Journal of Politics. He and Caldeira will also have an article in the January issue of Journal of Political Science entitled, "Party Voting in the United States Congress."

Professor David Pion-Berlin has a forthcoming article in Comparative Political Studies entitled, "The National Security Doctrine, Military Threat Perception and the 'Dirty War' in Argentina."

Department Chairperson Randall B. Ripley chaired a meeting of the Consortium for Inter-University Cooperation department chairs in political science in October. Ripley also served as a discussant on a presidential policy-making panel at the Southern Political Science Association meetings in November. Additionally, the fourth edition of Ripley's book, Congress: Process and Policy is forthcoming from W.W. Norton and Co.

Professor Elliot E. Slotnick's article entitled, "The Place of Judicial Review in the American Tradition: The Emergence of an Eclectic Power," was published in the August/September issue of Judicature.

Professor Herb Weisberg's article, "The Demographics of a New Voting Gap," was published in the fall issue of Public Opinion Quarterly. Weisberg finds that there is now a "marriage gap" in American voting.