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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This year, Penn's long-term commitment to the development of Political Science has resulted in the addition of two outstanding new tenured faculty in our department: **Brendan O'Leary** and **Nancy Hirschmann**.

Dr. O'Leary joins us from the London School of Economics, where he was the youngest full professor and youngest department head in the history of renowned government LSE's faculty. Dr. O'Leary is an extraordinarily wide-ranging scholar, but he is best known as one of the world's leading authorities on nationalism and ethnic conflict. As an advisor to the governments of Britain, Ireland, and the United States, he played an influential role in the development agreements that have given Northern Ireland hope for an end to decades of strife. He has also consulted for the European Union and others on conflict in Africa and in Macedonia. An eloquent speaker and lecturer, Dr. O'Leary plans to take a regular turn teaching PSCI 001, beginning this spring, as well as courses on nationalism and the regulation of ethno-political conflict. He will also play a leadership role in Penn's Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethno-Political Conflict.

Dr. Hirschmann comes to Penn from a tenured position at Cornell University. She is a political theorist known for re-examining basic concepts of the liberal tradition, such as freedom and obligation, in the light of new understandings emerging from feminist theory. Her work frequently begins with real-world, policy-relevant cases that motivate her inquiry, such as quandaries faced by battered women, veiling of women in Muslim societies, and issues of welfare

dependence. Princeton University Press has just published her second book, *The Subject of Liberty: Toward a Feminist Theory of Freedom*. At Penn, besides her work in Political Science, Dr. Hirschmann will be a valuable contributor to the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics major and to the Women's Studies Program.

These distinguished appointments are part of a continuing expansion and transformation of the Political Science Department that has produced impressive changes. Well over half our present faculty has joined Penn within the past five years. During just three years, our ranks have increased by near one-third, despite several retirements. In the same period, the University has awarded eight chairs to members of our department, both new and continuing. Penn has also invested substantially in programs led by political science faculty, including the Browne Center for International Politics, the Asch Center for the Study of Ethno-Political Conflict, and the Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, the Center for the Advanced Study of India, the Middle East Center, the Fox Leadership Program, and the Washington Semester Program.

The activities of these and other centers, plus the Philadelphia American Politics Research Seminar, the Philadelphia Political Theory Workshop, and the Penn Comparative Politics Workshop—all organized by our faculty—make Penn a vital and lively place for students interested in political science, with a constant flow of visitors, speakers, and colloquia, well as an outstanding curriculum. This newsletter gives you an idea of some of our activities, including many that we invite students to join.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR

## *Professor Henry Teune*

I congratulate the newly elected officers of Pi Sigma Alpha. Although the elections were postponed because of unforeseen developments last spring, I am pleased that the Society is ready to begin a season of activities. Last August we were featured at the meeting of Chapter Advisors at the American Political Science Association Convention in Boston. Our Journal Sound Politicks was on display as an example for other chapters. Last spring we published Volume VIII. Pi Sigma Alpha is recognized as the best organization, perhaps also best endowed, of the undergraduate honors societies in the U.S. There is an opportunity this year to receive a grant from the National Headquarters and, also, to host some activities at the next Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association in August 2003, that will be meeting in Philadelphia on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



The Undergraduate Committee has the public policy and political leadership major specializations on its agenda. We hope to have the courses in the Fels Center and the Fox Leadership Program selected by the end of the fall term. This 14-course option (two courses in addition to the 12 for the major) is intended especially for students majoring in political science as an alternative to a double major.

The sub-matriculation program has been successfully re-established with three undergraduates having sub-matriculated this fall. The Graduate Committee adopted guidelines for applying for sub-matriculation. The applications must be completed by January 1 with the GRE scores and three letters of recommendation, two of which must come from Penn faculty.

Now that some students have completed the Pilot Curriculum, the Undergraduate Committee will be discussing ways in which the Department can facilitate completing the research requirement. One option may be a new special seminar for undergraduates who are seeking to do research in the general area of political science. Suggestions are welcome.

## UNDERGRADUATE LIAISON

### *Divah Greenberg*

If you are considering a major or minor in Political Science then I am your initial contact. My role is to facilitate the declaration process, expedite procedural difficulties, discuss tailoring coursework, and advise on career and graduate opportunities. I will also help you select a faculty advisor. You are encouraged to be proactive in the selection of an advisor and to advocate for major related coursework that compliments your political science classes.

One of my concerns as the Department's Undergraduate Liaison is the popularity of the double major and, more significantly, the now trendy uber-request for a triple major. Some undergraduates hold the belief that adding a major or two "looks good" on their transcript. In my opinion, this does not necessarily "look good." I am not alone in this regard; administrators, faculty, and prospective employers are aware and often skeptical of this trend in liberal arts education. Do not presume that they are impressed with multiple majors. This is particularly true when the disciplines closely overlap.

Although adding majors seems a worthy aspiration, its potential detriments need airing. It is counterproductive if it limits an undergraduate's ability or willingness to try new fields of study, to acquire expansive, eclectic knowledge. In other words, breadth of study may inadvertently narrow by adding majors. The flip side, paradoxically, is that depth of study also tends to suffer. All too often students curtail research, honors and

theses because of the demands of multiple majors. For the ambitious student an extensively researched thesis is an enriching and memorable part of the college experience. While collecting majors may create an appearance of profundity, it is not an adequate substitute for the knowledge and skill that an in-depth research endeavor provides. Also, as undergraduates undoubtedly know, overlapping majors commonly entail redundancy and double course counting, making the depth of each major suspect in this regard too. Some students obsess over their future course selections, calculating coursework based upon a multiple major strategy. Some students subsequently opt for courses that fulfill an additional major's requirements rather than courses holding personal intellectual appeal. Yet exploring diverse disciplines and in-depth research as an advanced undergraduate are integral to the purpose of a traditional liberal arts education.

When academic trappings take priority over academic knowledge a cherished part of a liberal arts education is diminished. I want undergraduates to value each and every course they select. I raise this issue not to discourage students from well thought out, ambitious plans, but to encourage reflection before embarking on a multiple major quest.

This fall semester my office hours are Tuesdays from 9 to 3:30 and Fridays from noon to 3:30 at 208 Stiteler Hall. I can also be reached by e-mail at [nbg@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:nbg@sas.upenn.edu)

## *NEWS from the Washington Semester Liaison*

### *Michele Commercio*

The Washington Semester Program provides undergraduates with a unique opportunity to acquire policy-related experience in the nation's capital. Students who spend a semester in DC take classes with other Penn students and work 3-4 days a week at an internship chosen by the students.



The Washington Semester Program is currently accepting applications for the spring 2003 and fall 2003 semesters. Limited space remains for the spring term, so applications for the spring need to be submitted quickly.

For more information and an application, please take a look at the Program's web site: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/~washsem/Default.html>

If you are interested in the program, please contact Michele Commercio (commerci@sas.upenn.edu), or see her during office hours in Room 208, Stiteler Hall, on Wednesdays from 10-5 or Fridays from 2-5.

**Political Science Washington Semester Participants Spring 2003**

- Voncia Barno
- Alexander Gormley
- Sebastian Kurian
- Marques Matthews
- Katherine McGill
- Tim McGuire
- Iilir Orana
- Arthur Ortegon
- Halleh Rabizadeh
- Marianne Rogers
- Sandra Schlitt
- Cathy Tsai
- Cherie Wilson

**FACULTY UPDATES**

**Professor Jennifer Amyx**

Recently, Professor Amyx work was published in Japanese. In March, an invited journal article titled "Financial Administration and Domestic Political Change in Japan in the 1990s" appeared in Japan's Journal of Social Science and in November, a chapter on Japan's non-performing loan problems will appear in a book published by Tokyo University Press titled *The Volatile Period of Japanese Politics: A Political Analysis of 'The Lost Decade'*. Another chapter, written in English and titled "Reforming

Japanese Banks and the Financial System," recently appeared in an edited volume on *Japan-Change and Continuity* published by Routledge.

She received a course development grant from the Center for East Asian Studies to develop and teach a new course on "Issues in US Foreign Policy in East Asia", and will teach this course for the first time in the spring for the Washington Semester Program.

Also, she received a 1 million-yen (approximately \$8,000) grant from the Shibusawa Memorial Foundation to carry out research on the politics of privatizing government financial institutions in Japan.

In June 2002, she presented a paper titled, "A New Face for Japanese Finance? Assessing the Impact of Recent Reforms" at the Third Shibusawa Seminar on Japanese Studies in Aomori, Japan.

Over the summer, she spent time in Malaysia, Singapore, Japan and Australia carrying out research on the politics of regional financial cooperation in Asia. While in Tokyo, she was a Visiting Scholar at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) and while in Australia, she was a Visiting Researcher at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

In November, she will give a presentation on the role of interviews in political science research at a symposium in Tokyo sponsored by Japan's Graduate Research Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS).

In December, she will give presentations on political-economic developments in Japan at Columbia University and at Mt. Holyoke College.

**Professor Ian Lustick**

Professor Lustick has given recent presentations of his work at professional meetings and invited lectures in Los Angeles, Montreal, and Washington, D.C. This semester he spoke on religion and politics to a meeting of the Seminar XXII on Foreign Politics, International

Relations, and the National Interest in Washington, D.C. His article, "Through Blood and Fire Shall Peace Arise" was published by Tikkun Magazine in the spring. Two other articles authored by Professor Ian Lustick appeared recently. "PS-I: A User-Friendly Agent-Based Modeling Platform for Testing Theories of Political Identity and Political Stability," was published in June in the Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulations. This summer "The Institutionalization of Identity: Micro Adaptation, Macro Effects, and Collective Consequences," co-authored with Dan Miodownik, appeared in Studies in Comparative International Development." Professor Lustick's paper, co-authored with Dan Miodownik and Roy Eidelson, entitled "Secessionism in Multicultural States: Does Sharing Power Prevent or Encourage It?" was presented at this fall's American Political Science Association conference in Boston.

All three of these works were produced using the PS-I (Political Science-Identity) computer simulation platform. In the spring, Professor Lustick received a three-year National Science Foundation Grant for a project entitled "Development and Applications of the PS-I Computational Modeling Platform for Problems of Ethnic Conflict, Globalization, State Stability, and Terrorism." Based in the Asch Center for Study of Ethno-Political Conflict, the resources of this grant are available to help graduate students and faculty members learn to use techniques of agent-based modeling to undertake their own research or complement other methodologies. A workshop, the Penn Agent Modeling Laboratory (PAMLA) now meets on Wednesday, noon, every three weeks. In the spring semester, Professor Lustick will teach a (graduate/undergraduate) seminar on "Complexity, Evolution, and Politics" which will explore the potential and limitations of computational modeling for political science and study its conceptual and theoretical relationships to more familiar methods of analysis. Professor Lustick's second course will be PSCI 253, "The International Relations of the Middle East."

**Professor Andrew Norris**

Professor Andrew Norris has three essays coming out: "Against Antagonism: On Ernesto Laclau's Political Thought" in Constellations 9, no. 4 (December 2002), "Political Revisions: Stanley Cavell and Political Philosophy" in Political Theory 30, no. 6 (December 2002), and "Giorgio Agamben and the Politics of the Living Dead," Diacritics 30, no. 4 (winter 2002). Professor Norris is the director of the Philadelphia Political Theory Workshop, an ongoing interdisciplinary seminar devoted to the discussion of work in progress by scholars from the Philadelphia Area and throughout the country. The Workshop generally meets on the fourth Friday of the month, and interested students are encouraged to attend.

**Professor Henry Teune**

Professor Teune attended a meeting of the Working Group on Universities as Sites of Citizenship and Civic Responsibility of the Committee on Higher Education and Research of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in May. The research on Universities as Sites of Citizenship continues.

In June, he traveled to Poland to continue research on Democracy and Local Governance, which was focusing on the Baltic states. Plans are now underway to extend the research to South Africa.

In July, Professor Teune attended the World Congress of the International Sociological Association in Brisbane. He presented two papers, one to a symposium on "American Primacy or American Hegemony", titled, "Is Globalization an American Ideology" and another at a panel on "Globalization in Comparative Perspective" titled, "Comparing Systems: Are We Studying Components of the Same System?" He also chaired a session of the Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis, of which he is the outgoing President, on "Conceptual Innovation" and participated in a roundtable on "Comparative Research at the Crossroads". Professor Teune

continues as Vice-President of the Research Committee on Comparative Sociology and of the Thematic Group on the Sociology of Local-Global Relations. He was also appointed to the Program Committee for the XVI World Congress to be held in Durban in 2006.

Professor Teune attended the Fifth Symposium of the International Political Science Association in Montreal in October on the theme of "Coping with Globalization: New State Strategies". His presentation was "Local Responses to the Globalizations of Our Era". He is also engaged in planning for sessions of the Research Committee on the Politics of Local/Global Relations at the XIX World Congress of IPSA in Durban in 2003.

**UNDERGRADUATE CORNER**

This section is reserved for Political Science under-graduates who would like to distribute information about their studies or others about opportunities.



**What is Pi Sigma Alpha?**

**Andrea Arias, President**

Penn's chapter, Beta Tau, is one of the founding chapters of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. We sponsor activities, such as the "Dinner and Discourse" Series, speaker events and discussions, as well as publish the undergraduate scholarly journal Sound Politicks. We seek to promote awareness of the political science department through "Know Your Major" publications. Moreover, we also recognize the achievements of those students involved in political science studies. In addition to our more formal duties, the Society encourages members to get together on an informal basis to discuss politics and current events.

To be eligible for membership, students must have a 3.3 overall grade

point average and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above in at least four political science courses. You do not need to be a political science major to join. Applications may be found in the Political Science Department Office or on the web at:

<http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/undergrad/PiSigmaAlphaform.doc>. We accept applications year-round. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Arias at [andreaava@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:andreaava@sas.upenn.edu)

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**Sound Politicks**

**Come Join the Editorial Board of Sound Politicks...**

Are you interested in original research in political science?

Working with other students interested in political issues?

Compiling articles, layouts, and designing publications?

Getting to know the Political Science Department at Penn better?

If you are interested in these things, then you may be interested in joining the editorial board of Sound Politicks, the Undergraduate Political Science Journal of the University of Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact this year's Board directors: Erin Douglas ([douglase@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:douglase@sas.upenn.edu)), Albert Kim ([albertki@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:albertki@sas.upenn.edu)), and Jen Spiegel ([jls2@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jls2@sas.upenn.edu)).

We are also currently accepting submissions for this fall's publication. If

you have a political science paper you think is worthy of publication, contact the Board directors.

### ***The Honors Program***

To participate in the Political Science Honors Thesis Program; candidates should have completed at least four political science courses with G.P.A. of 3.5 and a 3.3 overall; students should choose and get the approval of an advisor; students should submit the Undergraduate Honors Registration form to Ms. Dotson in the main office, 217 Stiteler Hall.

### ***Honors Participants for spring 2003***

#### **Alexandra Cambouris**

"Transportation Policy: Funding the Railroads"

#### **Joyce Chang**

"Sino-U.S."

#### **Rebecca Farr**

"Federalization and Force"

#### **Keith Joseph**

"The Press and the Presidency During Times of Crisis"

#### **Vanessa J. Krebs**

"Indigenous Politics in New Zealand and the South Pacific"

#### **Scott Levin**

"Politics and the Olympics"

#### **Nicole Lovelock**

"Judicial Reform in the American States"

#### **Kelly Lynch**

"The Role of Amicus Curiae in the Supreme Court from the Perspective of Former Clerks"

#### **Marcelo Miretti**

"Education on Development in Latin America"

#### **Harris Mufson**

"Study of Internet Voting and It's Effect on Voter Turnout"

#### **Michael Richter**

"Transition in Eastern Europe: How Winners of Partial Reform have Hindered Progress"

#### **Adrianna Salinas**

"Abortion Politics and the Executive Office"

### ***Undergraduate Information***

#### **Brian Michael**

In Washington, he interned at the Council on Foreign Relations. He attended meetings on various subjects, ranging from U.S.-Japan Air Defense coordination, a visit by a Taliban student, a visit by the President of Rwanda, and a teleconference with Ariel Sharon. Brian had general administrative and research duties for all subjects areas, but towards the end worked basically as a Research Associate with the Center for Conflict Prevention, in which he organized a series of meetings attending to the rehabilitation of Kosovo and the political situation in the surrounding Fmr. Yugoslav Republics. Besides the internship, we were all treated to all of Washington's culture, including plays, museums, and naturally tours of the government branches, highlighted by an evening tour of the West Wing by Professor Dilulio.

#### **Michael P. Richter**

Michael participated in the Washington Semester Program, study abroad and is currently researching an honors thesis. He is a senior and will graduate with a BA in political science and has completed requirements for American Political Science and Russian/East European Area Studies. In Washington he worked at the American Enterprise Institute for a scholar of former Soviet States and studied at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University College London in the spring of 2002. Also, he worked at the US Dept. of State in the Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Contingency Planning and Peacekeeping.

### ***Graduate Corner***

#### **Graham Dodds**

Has just had an article published that he co-authored with a friend named Professor David Shoemaker. The article is called "Why We Can't All Just Get Along: Human Variety and Game Theory in Hobbes's State of Nature," and it's in the new edition of The Southern Journal of Philosophy.

#### **A.C. Harth**

Just a quick note from Cambridge for our newsletter. This year I'm in residence at Harvard University as an Exchange Scholar in the Department of Government. In addition to conducting research and trying to finish my dissertation, I'm working with faculty in the Government Department, the History Department, and the Kennedy School, as well as participating in several research workshops, seminars, and study groups concerning foreign policy and national security. On October 30, I will be presenting to one of these workshops a working paper derived from my dissertation entitled "Geopolitics and Grand Strategy: Foundations of American National Security."

#### **Vikash Yadav**

He presented a paper on documenting and teaching Cold War foreign policy with Internet technology at the Annual APSA conference in Boston. On 17 September 2002, Vikash presented a co-authored paper on "Reforming the Governance of the IMF" at an Economic Forum hosted by the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C. A transcript and web-cast of the talk are available through the IMF web site. In October, he defended his dissertation on the regulation of risk in international financial markets. In February 2003, Vikash will chair a panel on "Managing the Pressures of Globalization: Local, National, and International Dimensions of India's Attempts to Engage the Global Economy" at the 18th Annual South Asia Conference at UC, Berkeley.

## Congratulations...

**Wambui Mwangi and Vikash**

**Yadav** for successfully defending their dissertations.

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### COURSES ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND RELATED CRISES

With the imminent possibility of a U.S. attack on Iraq, an unending cycle of violence in Israel, and continuing fear of terrorist attacks at home, the Political Science Department has responded with an extraordinary cluster of spring courses on the Middle East, plus outstanding general offerings on violence, ethnic conflict, terror, and related subjects.

The Middle East cluster consists of PSCI 211, Politics in the Contemporary Middle East, taught by **Dr. Nubar Hovsepian**, Associate Director of Penn's Middle East Center; PSCI 253, International Politics of the Middle East, with **Professor Ian Lustick**; and PSCI 298, Minorities and the Nation State, taught by **Dr. Amal Jamal**. Dr. Jamal, a visiting scholar at Penn's Asch Center for the Study of Ethno Political Conflict, is an authority on Arab-Jewish relations in Israel. He is on leave from Tel Aviv University.

Related, but less regionally focused offerings include PSCI 151, International Security, with **Professor Avery Goldstein**; PSCI 156, Terrorism, taught by **Professor Stephen Gale**, who is teaching the course in both terms this year in order to meet the heavy demand; PSCI 598-305, National Ethnic Conflict Regulation, with **Professor Brendan O'Leary**. Finally, those attentive to the threats that war and counter-terrorism pose to our fundamental freedoms, can deepen their understanding by studying with one of Penn's eminent faculty members, **Professor Rogers Smith**, in PSCI 234, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

### LECTURERS AND VISITING FACULTY

This year, as many students know, our offerings in American politics have been reduced because two of our key faculty in that area are on research leaves—**Professor Marie Gottschalk** in the fall and **Professor Jerome Maddox** for the entire year. In addition, **Dr. Michael Hagen**, whom we had expected to teach full-time for us, decided to leave Penn after he received an attractive offer from Rutgers University during the summer. Fortunately, two distinguished visitors have stepped in to teach courses. Currently, **Dr. Michael Delli Carpini** is offering PSCI 230-001, Public Opinion and American Democracy. Dr. Delli Carpini is Director of the Public Policy Program at the Pew Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia, one of the nation's largest philanthropic foundations. He was formerly chair of the Political Science Department at Barnard College, and is co-author of the influential book, *What Americans Know about Politics and Why It Matters*. In the spring, **Dr. Richard Valelly** will teach PSCI 239, Elections in the United States. Dr. Valelly is Professor of Political Science at Swarthmore College and a well-known writer for both scholarly and wider audiences on U.S. politics, parties, and elections.

Also in the spring, we have turned to an experienced specialist to meet longstanding curricular needs in Latin American politics. **Dr. Thomas Millington** is Emeritus Professor of Political Science and former department chair at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He is the author of books on the foundations of independence in Colombia and Brazil, and on debt politics in Bolivia, where he has been a consultant to the Ministry of Finance and the central bank. Dr. Millington will teach PSCI 213, Latin American Politics, and PSCI 251, Inter-American Relations.

Our program in International Relations is strengthened by the presence of three scholars who are at Penn full-time for a combination of teaching and other responsibilities. **Patrick McDonald** is the new Post-Doctoral

Fellow in the Christopher Browne Center for International Politics. Dr. McDonald recently received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. The previous Browne Center post-doctoral fellow, **Maurits van der Veen**, returns as Lecturer and also a research associate in the Asch Center, works on the project (described elsewhere in this newsletter) that is led by Professor Lustick and funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. van der Veen has a Ph.D. from Harvard University. **Regina Baker** has joined the Browne Center and the Department as an advisor and specialist on statistical projects. Dr. Baker's Ph.D. is from the University of Michigan, and she previously taught at New York University.

### NEW SECONDARY APPOINTMENTS

Political Science at Penn is strengthened by the presence at the University of a growing number of excellent scholars whose primary responsibilities are in units other than the Political Science Department itself. The Political Science faculty reaches out to include such faculty by offering secondary appointments to those who already have tenure or tenure-track faculty at Penn, or adjunct appointments to those who are in administrative positions. Such recognition brings these individuals to the attention of students interested in political science, facilitates cross listing of their courses, and promotes intellectual interchange and cooperation. For many years, the illustrious Dean of the Annenberg School, **Kathleen Hall Jamieson**, has held a secondary appointment as Professor of Political Science. She is, of course, one of the nation's leading authorities on political communication.

This fall, the Political Science faculty has voted in favor of secondary appointments for three more faculty from other schools at Penn: **Vincent Price**, Associate Professor of Communication at Annenberg, a specialist on public opinion and former editor of the leading journal in that field, *Public Opinion Quarterly*; **Nathaniel Persily**, Assistant Professor of

Law, an elections law specialist who, among other distinctions, was appointed to propose new Congressional district boundaries for New York and Maryland; and **Gerald McDermott**, Assistant Professor of Management in Wharton, who studies comparative political economy, with special attention to post-communist Europe. In addition, the faculty has approved appointments as Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science for **Dr. Paul Kaiser**, Associate Director of the African Studies Program; and **Dr. Kathryn Dunn Tenpas**, Associate Director of the Washington Semester Program.

**NEW STAFFING STRUCTURE**

At the close of the summer, Political Science followed other departments in SAS by implementing a new administrative structure that separates financial and academic support services. The dynamic duo of **Mark Dorfman** and **Phil Nahrgang** now constitute the Stiteler Hall Business Administration Service, with financial and budgetary responsibility not only for Political Science but also for several other SAS programs. **Jennifer Bottomley** heads academic services in her new position as departmental Office Manager. Students will be able to turn to familiar and friendly faces for most of their needs, because **Marcia Dotson** and **Pat Kozak** will continue to have primary responsibility for the undergraduate and graduate programs, respectively.

Replacing Phil Nahrgang at the window desk in the main office is **Rachel Watson**, a very welcome newcomer. Ms. Watson’s usual hours will be 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition, the department benefits from the invaluable help of five work-study assistants : **Shakir Iqbal**, **Vanessa Krebs**, **Ayanna London**, **Brooke Mikesell**, and **Adrianna Salinas**.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO STITELER HALL**

During the summer and into the fall, a number of important changes have occurred in Stiteler Hall. Besides

refurbishing of classrooms, the most visible change is to B-10, the glass-walled common room on the first floor. It is now the department’s primary venue for speakers, because we’ve outgrown the Anspach Lounge that was formerly used for that purpose. The name “Undergraduate Lounge” has been removed, because that had become a tantalizing misnomer, as wandering furniture and the frequency of other uses increasingly prevented us from leaving the room open as a place for students to hang out. However, B-10 is still available for functions oriented to undergraduates, including meetings of Pi Sigma Alpha, pre-registration receptions, and other gatherings. Organizers interested in reserving the room should speak with Jennifer Bottomley. In addition, undergraduates are welcome to attend the frequent talks sponsored by the department and associated centers and workshops. Look for the notices that regularly festoon Stiteler Hall, as well as email announcements. B-10 (naming rights are available to generous donors!) has been redecorated with flags of countries represented among the Political Science faculty and graduate students. Further improvements are in store, including new curtains and lighting. Meanwhile, the Anspach Lounge now combines the graduate student computer lab, the departmental journal collection, and an area where graduate students and faculty can study, meet, talk, and have informal lunches.

**Alumni Information**

Political Science Alumni, please keep in touch with the Department. Drop us a line and let us know how you are and what you have been doing since you graduated. We'd like to hear from you. Contact Marcia Dotson at [mdotson@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:mdotson@sas.upenn.edu)



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