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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Professor Rogers Smith

My daughter Virginia happened to read online the first “chair’s message” I wrote for our department website and she said “Gee, Daddy, it doesn’t sound like you wanted to be chair very much.” Well, I didn’t, but that’s because I enjoy teaching and doing research here at Penn so much. I’m now learning that Penn is a pretty good place to be a political science chair, too, with a lot of help from a lot of good people, including administrators, faculty, students and staff. And, I think, it’s a pretty good place to be a faculty member, graduate or undergraduate student, or staff member as well.

That is partly because this is simply an exciting time to be studying politics, with many developments that can be seen as profoundly inspiring or deeply disturbing, but that are in any case clearly momentous. We find ourselves embarked on a new political era, one in which the role of the United States is overwhelming important. Will the early 21st century be remembered as the burgeoning of the new American empire? Will it instead be the era when new multilateral and international institutions came to dominate political life? Or (more likely) as one in which many older nation-states continued to matter but in important respects gave way to new forms of political community, some more encompassing, some less so than the ones we have now? What will be the impact of economic globalization and heightening inequalities, new communications systems and technologies, ecological transformations, even genetic experimentation? What will be the outcome, at home and abroad, of what looks to be a prolonged and ever widening, yet in many respects

inescapable, war on terrorism? And, perhaps most momentously, what will Arnold do in California? The comparatively predictable Cold War world has given way to a broad array of possibilities and uncertainties. And that can be fearsome, but it’s exciting.

It is also an especially exciting time to study politics at Penn, because we are a sometimes quirky but always lively department in a great university in a marvelous city—and we are fortunate enough to be in a period of growth, with new faculty, new activities and achievements, and improved facilities. This fall, Diana Mutz joined Annenberg School and us as the Samuel A. Stouffer Professor of Political Science and Communications. A prolific scholar and recipient of numerous awards, including the 1999 APSA Robert Lane Award for Best Book in Political Psychology, Diana has written on a stunning range of topics in public opinion research, and she is a pioneer of experimental studies of the ways mass media might contribute to more tolerant and productive democratic discourse. She is joined at Annenberg by a new Dean, Michael X. Delli Carpini, who also happens to be a distinguished scholar of public opinion and who we are proud to have on our roster of associated faculty. And we’re very glad that four other political scientists already on campus—Paul Kaiser, Adjunct Associate Professor of African Studies; Gerald McDermott, Assistant Professor of Management; Nathaniel Persily, Assistant Professor of Law; and Vincent E. Price, Associate Professor of Communication, have also agreed to become associated faculty. In mid-year, moreover, we’ll be joined by two new assistant professors. They are Tulia Falleti, a recent Northwestern Ph.D. whose work on comparative decentralization processes in Latin America has already garnered a plethora of fellowships as well as scholarly publications here and in her native

Argentina; and Heiner Schultz, a Stanford Ph.D. who is leaving the prestigious international consulting firm of McKinsey & Company to pursue his scholarly interests in European integration and the political economy of globalization. These are terrific additions, and we're looking to add more this year, with superb support from all levels of the Penn administration.

Our current faculty, moreover, continue to win recognition inside and outside the university. Francine Frankel has just been named Penn's first Madan Lal Solti Professor for the Study of Contemporary India. Ian Lustick has been designated the Bess W. Heyman Professor and Brendan O'Leary has been named the Lauder Professor of Political Science. Three faculty members have also recently received major promotions: Ellen Kennedy to full Professor; Marie Gottschalk to Associate Professor with Tenure (and Marie has immediately been roped into becoming Graduate Chair); and Rudy Sil to Associate Professor with Tenure (his exploitation will come soon enough). Faculties have also won internal and external grants and fellowships than can courteously be listed here. But let me single out Julia Lynch's receipt of a Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Fellowship, in part because it means, sadly, we lose her invaluable teaching and collegial contributions for two years, but also because it was accompanied by her winning the 2003 APSA Gabriel Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics...awarded, fittingly enough, at the first APSA convention to be held here in Philadelphia. As Undergraduate Chair Henry Teune details elsewhere in this newsletter, our undergraduate program also received two notable prizes at the recent APSA meeting, recognitions of which we're especially proud.

But academic prizes are only bonuses for endeavors that are most fully rewarded in the doing. The real life of an academic department and the real sources of excitement come in the intellectual work done in the classroom, in research seminars and workshops, and in the resulting scholarship. The Penn political science department provides the

academic leadership for a wide range of scholarly programs on campus: our own Browne Center for International Politics, also the Asch Center for the Study of Ethno-Political Conflict, the Center for the Advanced Study of India, the Middle East Center, and the Fox Leadership Program, among others. Internally, we offer the Philadelphia Political Theory Workshop, the Philadelphia American Politics Research Seminar, the Penn Comparative Politics Workshop, and this year we've added a new series—"What's Worth Doing and Why"—through which faculty can give graduate students and their colleagues an overview of the most intriguing and promising research directions in their areas of interest. And lots and lots of excellent publications are emerging from all this.

So there are indeed a lot of exciting things going on, in politics and in the Penn political science department. There is still more change to come: this is our year to have the department undergo an evaluation by an External Review Committee, and we will be using that process to reassess all facets of our curriculum and program. All members of the Penn political science community who have suggestions or concerns should communicate them to me, as many have already done in quite helpful ways.

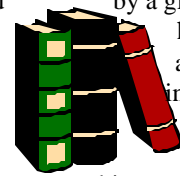
But whatever changes we make, the department will continue to provide all its members with great and expanding opportunities to explore both emerging and perennial political issues that really matter in our lives—to learn about them, to make arguments about them, perhaps even to contribute constructively to the ways they are understood and addressed. Those opportunities are privileges for which I am personally grateful each and every day, so much so that some days, it's even fun to be chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR

Professor Henry Teune

The Beta Tau Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha is the big story this fall. The Chapter received the Best Chapter Award (undergraduate student body of 6,000 to 15,000) and Kelly Lynch got First Place for the best senior honors thesis. The leadership of our Chapter and Ms. Andrea Arias, the President, deserve our thanks for their efforts. The department, the department chair, and the faculty support Pi Sigma Alpha, but the undergraduates made the difference for getting national recognition this year.

Pi Sigma Alpha will continue its successful "Dinner and Discourse Series" this fall and next spring. This program is supported by a grant from the national headquarters and attendance has been increasing. A "town meeting" for all undergraduates was held this month. Professor Smith is acting to implement some of the many excellent suggestions, including adding more upper level seminars and making contacts with internship opportunities in the Delaware Valley. Beta Tau also received official recognition from the Student Activities Committee. Sound Politicks again will have two issues this year, one in the fall and one in late spring. It has become, I believe, the best of the various undergraduate journals at Penn.



This year is the department's turn for being reviewed. The undergraduate program, of course, is a big part of that process. Several good suggestions were heard at the "town meeting". If you have any suggestions or criticism, please inform Professor Smith, our Chair, and other officers of Pi Sigma Alpha. They act as the official Undergraduate Advisory Board of the department.

This spring the department will be offering for the first time two courses that will meet the quantitative requirement of

the College. Dr. Genie Baker will be giving our P.S. 295, Introduction to Political Research course. Professor Diana Mutz will be teaching a new course, Political Science 230, Public Opinion in American Democracy.

The department continues to add new faculty, enriching our undergraduate curriculum. The department voted last year to offer more seminars especially suited to our majors, with the objective of requiring at least one upper level research seminar of all majors. The number of political science majors last spring ranks the department as fourth in the number of majors among graduating seniors. We now are challenged to make our senior honors program more attractive by providing more research seminars.

UNDERGRADUATE LIAISON

Justin J. Wert

The fall semester has yet again proved that the Political Science major is one of the most popular choices among Penn undergraduates. And as the semester progresses, I'm confident that more students than ever will recognize the intellectual and professional benefits of the major.

Our majors study abroad in five continents, volunteer and intern in political activities, perform excellent scholarly research and contribute to the greater academic community here at Penn on a daily basis. Let's work to keep the level of participation and intellectual achievement at an all-time high.

If you're interested in discussing the major or have general questions about your progress thus far, please don't hesitate to contact me at jwert@sas.upenn.edu or stop by during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-2.

NEWS from the Washington Semester Liaison

Michele Commercio **Dear Students,**

The Washington Semester Program is currently accepting applications for the Spring and Fall 2004 semesters, but spaces are limited so we encourage you to apply early! The WSP is a unique opportunity to reside, study, and work in Washington, DC. During the semester you will take Penn classes with distinguished professors from Penn and various local universities, and work as an intern at the institution of your choice. Currently we have Penn students working, at the Department of Labor, Department of Justice, and The Office of Homeland Security. Also, they work for various Senators and Congressmen.



Please visit the program's web site at <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/~washsem/>

Contact Michele Commercio, Assistant to the Director of the Washington Semester Program. If you have any questions she can be reached at commerci@sas.upenn.edu, or visited at Room 208 Stiteler Hall Mondays from 10-5 and Wednesdays from 1-4.

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Jennifer Amyx

Over the summer, Professor Amyx spent time carrying out research in Australia, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Germany and Great Britain. Her research focused in two areas: the political dynamics of regional financial cooperation and the politics surrounding the reform of government-backed financial institutions.

In August 2003, she presented a paper titled "The Politics of Reform in Japanese Finance: Where do Foreign Investors Fit In?" at Stanford University and she presented a paper titled "Why Can't Japan Get Back on Track?"

Institutional Legacies and System Transition" at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. In December, she will give a presentation with the same title at Harvard University's Program on US-Japan Relations. She has also been invited to give a paper in January on the political dynamics of regional financial cooperation in East Asia at the International Conference on Creating an East Asian Community, to be held at the National University of Singapore.

Professor Amyx has a chapter titled "Japan and the Evolution of Regional Financial Arrangements in East Asia" forthcoming in December in *Beyond Bilateralism: U.S.-Japan Relations in the New Asia-Pacific*, (Ellis Krauss and T.J. Pempel, eds. Stanford University Press). She also received a course development grant from the Center for East Asian Studies to develop and teach a new seminar on "Asian regionalism", and will teach this course for the first time in the spring.

Professor Ian Lustick

This summer Ian Lustick was honored by the University of Pennsylvania Trustees and awarded an endowed chair-- the Bess W. Heyman Professorship. At this year's American Political Science Association meeting, held in Philadelphia, Professor Lustick taught an all day short course for political scientists learning to use the PS-I agent-based modeling platform and made two presentations on his computer simulation research--"Locating the History We Have within the Distribution of Counterfactuals" and "The Effects of Israeli-Palestinian Violence on the Stability of Middle Eastern Regimes: An Agent-Based Modeling Approach." In September he spoke at the inauguration of the Taub Center for Israel Studies at New York University on the subject of "Negotiating Truth: Israel, West Germany, and the Reparations Agreement." Later this semester he will be traveling to Seattle to give a talk on Causal Mechanisms in Political Science and to Boston for a lecture on "Is the Settlement Process on the West Bank Reversible?" This semester Professor Lustick is teaching a new graduate

seminar entitled "Political Identities and Political Institutions" as well as Political Science 1 "An Introduction to the Study of Politics." In response to the requirements of the Department, Professor Lustick will be teaching Political Science 1 again in the spring of 2004.

Professor Rudra Sil

Professor Sil has recently been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He is currently working on a new book project tentatively titled *Global Standards, Local Norms, and National Institutions: The I.L.O and Labor Politics in India, Japan, and Russia*. The project examines how supposedly universal normative principles, such as the labor standards associated with the conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO), have influenced aspects of labor relations in countries that lack a liberal tradition of law and politics but managed to develop distinctive and durable systems of industrial relations. The study compares the politics behind shifts in labor laws and institutions in three countries – India, Japan, and Russia – that have nominally acceded to the idea of global standards but vary significantly in their inherited systems of labor incorporation. Professor Sil has also been preparing two articles that are connected to this book project, one examining the politics governing the adoption of a new labor code in Russia (presented last February at a conference on post-communist policy evaluation in Los Angeles), and one comparing the transformation of labor politics in Russia and China (presented last June by his co-author, Calvin Chen, at an international conference in Budapest). His other research revolves around broader theoretical and methodological issues in comparative politics and political economy.

Last June, at the European University Institute in Florence, Professor Sil presented a paper on alternative strategies for analyzing the varying effects of communist-era legacies in post-communist transformations. He is also editing a book that will feature chapters exploring various instances of "institutional syncretism," a common

process in late-developing societies where institutions imported from other societies become modified, sometimes unintentionally, to match the preexisting social expectations and practices of local populations. In addition, he is preparing a number of pieces that explore the status of methodological postulates and research traditions in social science disciplines. One of these is an article being prepared with Professor Peter Katzenstein (Cornell) that identifies the role of eclectic styles of analysis in illuminating processes connecting the variables and logics selectively privileged in competing theoretical schools. Another is a paper presented recently at a conference at Yale University, due to appear next year in a volume titled *Problems and Methods in the Study of Politics* (co-edited by Ian Shapiro, Rogers Smith, and Tarek Masoud). These pieces are intended to pave the way for a separate book that will examine the evolution of general theories and methodological perspectives in the field of comparative politics, analyzing their impact on debates in both issue-specific research (e.g. democratization, social movements) and area-specific research (e.g. Post-Soviet or South Asian politics).

Professor Sil is currently teaching two graduate courses, one a field seminar on comparative politics, and another a seminar exploring issues and challenges in teaching political science (co-taught with Rogers Smith). Following a research leave in the Spring semester, during which he will be attending a conference in San Diego and conducting interviews in Japan, Sil expects return to full-time teaching in the Fall and is likely to offer two or three undergraduate courses during the next academic year.

Professor Henry Teune

Professor Teune organized three panels for Research Committee 47, The Politics of Local Global Relations at the 19th World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Durban South Africa this past July. He also chaired a session on the Politics of Local-Global Relations: Recent Research and Theoretical Developments. He presented a paper, "The Consequences of Globalization on Local Democracy: An

Assessment". Professor Teune stepped down as Chair of this Research Committee but will continue until the next World Congress as Vice-Chair.

His co-authored book with Adam Przeworski, The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry was mentioned in Participation, the Bulletin of the International Political Science Association as one of the five most influential books by one of the contributors to the Bookmark section. That book continues to sell copies each year since its publication in 1970.

Professor Teune will be delivering a paper, "Globalization, Local Democracy, and the New and Old Localisms" to the Conference on "The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalizing World" at the Global Studies Program at the Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg in November. While there, he will be meeting with the Program Committee of the International Sociological Association.

"Democracy, Numbers, and Theories", an article in honor of Dirk Berg-Schlosser, will be pushed this December in Germany.

His research on Universities as Sites of Citizenship continues its association with an International Consortium on Universities as Sites of Citizenship, Civic Responsibility, and Democracy and the Council of Europe's Committee on Higher Education and Research.

UNDERGRADUATE CORNER

This section is reserved for Political Science undergraduate graduates who would like to distribute information about their studies or alert 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 our website:

<http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/PiSigma/index.htm>. We accept applications year-round. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Arias at andreava@sas.upenn.edu

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Sound Politicks

We are currently accepting submissions!

Are you interested in original research in political science?

Do you have a paper you wrote for a class that you feel is worthy of publication?

Or maybe you've been doing some research on your own and have written something substantial from it?

If any of the above statements apply to you, then you may be interested in submitting your paper(s) to Sound Politicks, the Undergraduate Political Science Journal of the University of Pennsylvania. We are currently accepting submissions for this year's fall and spring publications. If you have a political science paper you think is worthy of publication, contact Irene Ayzenberg (irenea@sas.upenn.edu). For more information on this journal and a sample of back-issues, please visit our website: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/PiSigma/SoundPoliticks.htm>.

Graduate Corner

Juyeong Joanne Cho

I presented a paper at the 2003 Philadelphia APSA meeting titled, "The e-Developmental State? The Rise of e-Commerce in Korea." I was also a panelist at the Korea Global Foundation Conference in September 2003 where I presented, "Korea's Economic Reliance on and Cooperation With the United States." I will also present a paper in March at the ISA conference in Montreal titled, "Korean Financial Reform: the Importance of Actors, Preferences, and Coalitions."

I also served as a discussant during the Korea Economic Institute and Center for East Asian Studies conference held in Philadelphia on "Raising the Bar: Korea as a Global Economic Player," which was published in the Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies Volume in 2003.

Graham Dodds

He is in Washington DC working as a Research Fellow at The Brookings Institution for a year, during which time he hopes to finish his dissertation and find a good academic job.

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



Dear Ms. Dotson:

I just saw the most recent department newsletter to catch up on changes since I graduated. I attended Penn during the 1973-74 academic year when Oliver Williams, Ed Banfield, and William Kintner were on the faculty and earned my M.A. in 1975.

Since then, I pursued a career in public administration as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator John C. Culver and now as policy coordinator to Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack. In between these two assignments, I was a vice president and investment banker at J.P. Morgan & Co in NYC and, in the mid-1990s, the corporate treasurer of a Fortune 300 technology corporation.

In addition to my Penn degree in political science, I have a MPA degree from the Maxwell School of Public Affairs.

I hope the new changes will help to restore the department's national rankings

Richard Oshlo

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