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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Professor Rogers Smith

We in political science note with special pleasure and pride the appointment of the distinguished political theorist Amy Gutmann as the next President of the University of Pennsylvania. Her outstanding record as a scholar, teacher, administrator insure that the university leadership is in excellent hands. We look forward to working with her to continue strengthening Penn in every way we can, including, of course, the study and teaching of politics.



MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR

Professor Henry Teune

The Undergraduate Committee will be recommending that the department support an experimental initiative in advising. It would begin when a student declares a major. The Undergraduate Liaison student Advisor will ask if the student would like to discuss academic plans at Penn as well as career options, including further study after graduation. If so, then we will assign the student to a faculty member until such time that the student indicates a choice of a faculty member as Departmental Advisor. The name of the Departmental Advisor will be entered on the comment section of the Advisor-in-Touch work sheet.



Major advising would still be responsibility of the Undergraduate Chair and Liaison. They will approve courses for the major, including major related courses and keep the Advisor-in-Touch work sheets up-dated as well as evaluate transfers of credit from other institutions both in the United States and abroad. Ms. Dotson will continue to do the final audit of political science major and minor requirements for graduation.

The College again is making efforts to improve its advising at the course, departmental, and college levels. A few years ago the College commissioned a major external review of its advising "system". It has collected data on the views on advising of graduating seniors. Problems remain, especially in departments with a large number of majors and political science last year was the fourth largest major in the College with 150 graduating seniors. We seem to share the same strengths and weaknesses in advising with other large enrollment departments.

We expect that this effort will work and await other ideas that should be forthcoming about our undergraduate programs from the external departmental reviewers who will be here in late March. In the meantime, we hope that the introduction of Departmental Advisors will improve advising for our undergraduate majors.

Pi Sigma Alpha once again has succeeded in securing a grant from the national headquarters (which is housed in Washington with the American Political Science Association) for its dinner-discussion series. This has turned out to be a rewarding idea. The faculty and participants are pleased with the academic purposes that these seminars serve, particularly that of improving faculty-student dialogues.

Pi Sigma Alpha will publish two issues of Sound Politicks this year. That puts it in the forefront of other undergraduate journals on campus. I express the department's appreciation to Ms. Andrea Arias, the President of Pi Sigma Alpha, and Ms. Irene Ayzenberg, editor of Sound Politicks, as well as the officers and members of the society. I hope that all students who are eligible for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha will join our honorary society, and its University chapter, Beta Tau. Eligibility includes all students who have completed four courses in political science, not just declared majors.

We hope that all students interested in studying politics at the University, whether a major or not, will participate in the many department and Pi Sigma Alpha seminars and lectures that will be offered this spring.

NEWS from the UNDERGRADUATE LIAISON

Justin J. Wert

The spring 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 Mondays and Tuesdays from 9-2.

NEWS from the Washington Semester Liaison

Michele Commercio **Dear Students,**

The Washington Semester Program is currently accepting wait-list applications for the Fall 2004 semester and regular applications for the Spring 2005 semester.

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. Penn students have worked, for example, with the Department of Labor, Department of Justice, Office of Homeland Security, think tanks, law firms, lobbying firms, and various Senators and Congressmen.



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

Contact Michele Commercio, the Assistant to the Director of the Washington Semester Program, if you have any questions. She can be reached at commerci@sas.upenn.edu, or visit at Room 208 Stiteler Hall, Wednesdays (2-5) and Thursdays (10-5).

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Jennifer Amyx

In early January, Professor Amyx presented a paper on "The Political Dynamics of Regional Financial Cooperation in East Asia: A Comparative Perspective" at the International Conference on Creating an East Asian Community, held at the National University of Singapore. Over spring break, she will give a presentation on "A Regional Bond Market for East Asia? The Evolving Political Dynamics of Regional Financial Cooperation" at the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government at The Australian National

University and provide a briefing at the Australian Defense Department on the security implications of recent developments in the Japanese political economy. In March, she will present a paper on at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association on "Japan's Financial Reforms: Why Can't Japan Get Back on Track?" In April, she will present a jointly authored paper on "The Political Economy of Postal Savings, Capital Controls and Financial Development" at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association.

Recently Professor Amyx was awarded a Penn University Research Foundation grant for a project on the political economy of energy cooperation in East Asia, a grant from the International Center for the Study of East Asian Development (ICSEAD) for a project on reforming postal savings and government-backed financial institutions, and a Japan Foundation Short-Term Research Fellowship enabling her to conduct research in Tokyo in May and June for two papers-- one on reforms in the Japanese civil service and another on reforms in the Japanese main bank system. She has also received a fellowship to spend July and August as a Visiting Scholar at the East-West Center, a U.S. government-affiliated research institute, to complete the writing of her book manuscript in progress on the political economy of regional cooperation in East Asia.

Professor Tulia Falletti

Coming in March 2004, from Johns Hopkins University Press, is her book, [Federalism and Democracy in Latin America](#), edited by Edward L. Gibson



In this book, Professor Falleti is publishing two co-authored articles:

- “Unity by the Stick: Regional Conflict and the Origins of Argentine Federalism”

And

- “Reallocative Federalism: Overrepresentation and Public Spending in the Western Hemisphere,” with Edward Gibson and Ernesto Calvo

On March 1st, Professor Falleti and Professor Gerald McDermott, gave a presentation at the Political Science Workshop: “What is Worth Doing and Why in Political Science: Comparative Politics of Latin America.”

Professor Falleti presented papers at the Western Political Science Association 2004 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon (March 11 to 13) will present another at the International Studies Association 2004 Conference, in Montreal, Canada (March 17 to 20).

Professor Avery Goldstein

Professor Goldstein presented two papers examining the implications of China’s increasing capabilities for international politics in the 21st century. The first paper was “Responding to Unipolarity: Power Balancing, Power Transitions, Security Dilemmas, and a Rising China” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia last fall. He presented the other, “Power Transitions, Institutions, and China’s Rise in East Asia: Theoretical Expectations and Evidence,” at the International Conference on The United States and East Asia: Old Issues and New Thinking, held November 22, 2003 at Georgetown University. Also in November, Professor Goldstein delivered an address, “China’s Rise in Historical Perspective: How It Differs from the Most Disruptive Experiences of the Recent Past” to the Conference on Globalization and the Emergence of China at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. This meeting provided an opportunity for American scholars and policy advisers to

exchange views with a delegation of their Chinese counterparts who were visiting Washington ahead of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao’s trip to the US in December.

In January, he returned to Georgetown to deliver a talk co-sponsored by The Mortara Center for International Studies within the Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Asian Social Science & History Seminar. This talk was based on Go Idstein’s controversial critique of US strategy for addressing the dangers North Korea’s nuclear program poses. The article, “The North Korean Nuclear Challenge And American Interests: Getting The Priorities Right,” has been circulating on a number of websites during the past several months and can be accessed at www.fpri.org or www.nautilus.org.

Professor Ian Lustick

Professor Lipstick’s article “"Secessionism in Multicultural States: Does Sharing Power Prevent or Encourage It?"” written in collaboration with Dan Miodownik and Roy Eidelson, has been accepted for publication by the *American Political Science Review*. The article reports findings from research using the PS-I agent-based modeling platform developed here at the University of Pennsylvania. An article entitled “Terror Games,” by Jeffrey Rothfeder, about the uses of the PS-I program for foreign policy and intelligence purposes, appeared in the March 2004 issue of *Popular Science*. In February Professor Lustick lectured at Colgate University on “Jewish Fundamentalism from the Maccabees to Gush Emunim” and in March will be delivering the Skelton-Menzies Lecture at Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada on “War as Part of the Peace Process: Israeli and Palestinian ‘Iron Walls’”. In May he will present a paper on “The Pieds Noirs and the Unravelling of French Algeria” at a conference at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on the resettlement of populations. Professor Lustick will teach two courses in the fall semester—a graduate course on great books in Comparative Politics, Political Science 611, and an undergraduate seminar on Arab-Israeli Relations, Political Science

398. Permission of the instructor is required for entry into PSCI 398.

Professor Jack Nagel

Professor Nagel participated in an international workshop on the Analysis and Design of Electoral Systems, which took place March 7-13 at the Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach in Germany.

In May, he will deliver a paper at a conference in honor of Professor Ian Budge at the University of Essex in England. In November 2003, Professor Nagel gave two talks at the Claim Democracy conference in Washington, D.C.—one on prospects for abolishing the Electoral College and the other on lessons for U.S. reformers of the successful electoral reform in New Zealand. He has also written two articles on the New Zealand reform that will appear in books now in press— The Handbook of Electoral System Choice, edited by Josep Colomer and published by Palgrave-Macmillan, and Steps Toward Making Every Vote Count: Canada and its Provinces in Comparative Context, edited by Henry Milner and published in Canada by Broadview Press.

Professor Andrew Norris

Professor Andrew Norris is on leave for the 2003-2004 academic year, a period in which he has been awarded a Weiler Penn Faculty Humanities Research Fellowship, a Penn Humanities Forum Faculty Research Fellowship, and a research grant from the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany.

In the summer of 2003 he published “The Exemplary Exception: Philosophical and Political Decisions in Giorgio Agamben’s *Homo Sacer*” in the journal *Radical Philosophy*, and he currently has a number of articles forthcoming in other journals, including “‘Us’ and ‘Them’: The Politics of American Self-Assertion After 9/11” in *Metaphilosophy* and “Beyond the Fury of Destruction: Hegel on Freedom” in *Political Theory*. He has an article on Hegel in the forthcoming Social Science

Encyclopedia and two forthcoming edited collections, The Claim to Community: Essays on Stanley Cavell and Political Philosophy from Stanford University Press and Politics, Metaphysics, and Death: Essays on Giorgio Agamben's Homo Sacer, from Duke University Press. He was an invited speaker at Johns Hopkins University in November, where he spoke on "Conceiving of 'The Political' After Heidegger," and at a conference on Sovereignty and the Right to Death at Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in October, where he gave a paper entitled "Stuck in 'The Thirties': Metaphysics and Sovereign Killing in the Concept of the Political and the Essence of the Political." In March he has been invited to speak at a special conference on "The Bearable Lightness of Being: Weak Ontology and the Affirmation of Moral and Political Life" at Northwestern University.

Professor Vincent Price

Professor Price's publications are: "Confidence in Institutions Before, During, and After 'Indecision 2000.'" *Journal of Politics* and, "Public Opinion at the New Millennium," In Price, Vincent, Opinione Pubblica. Bologna, Italy: Societa' Editrice il Mulina. (A new chapter, in Italian, for an updated and translated book originally published in 1992.)

He addressed the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia on "The Media and Foreign Policy" on February 23, 2004.

He Delivered the Carlos McClatchy Lecture to the Department of Communication at Stanford University on October 23, 2003. The address, "Online Discussion and Democracy," focused on the role of Web-based political discussion in shaping public opinion and included selected results from the *Electronic Dialogue* project, a year-long, randomized field experiment conducted during the 2000 presidential campaign.

He also delivered an invited to address the New Research for New Media Symposium, hosted by the Institute for New Media Studies at the University of Minnesota, on September 4, 2003. The presentation, titled "Conversations at Random: New Possibilities for Studying Public Opinion Online," outlined the opportunities and challenges facing researchers employing Web-based technologies to conduct opinion research, focusing in particular on online focus-group methods.

Professor Darren Schreiber

Professor Schreiber's article was just published. Lieberman, M., D. Schreiber, et al. (2003). "Is Political Sophistication Like Learning to Ride a Bicycle? How Cognitive Neuroscience Can Inform Research on Political Thinking." Political Psychology: 681-704.

Professor Heniner Schulz

Professor Schulz co-authored an article in the McKinsey Quarterly showing that foreign direct investment in developing countries has overwhelmingly positive effects. The research shows that incentives used to attract FDI and restrictions placed on multinational company behavior are largely ineffective and frequently counterproductive. Rather, developing countries can increase the benefits from FDI by strengthening the foundations of their economies -- in particular, stabilizing the economy, promoting competitive markets, and building a strong infrastructure (Diana Farrell, Jaana Remes, and Heiner Schulz, "The Truth About Foreign Investment in Emerging Markets," McKinsey Quarterly, No.1, 2004

Professor Rogers Smith

Professor Smith recently published "Participation et subordination: les deux faces de la citoyenneté fédérée aux États-Unis" in the French journal Critique Internationale; "Reconnecting Political Theory to Empirical Inquiry, or A Return to the Cave?" in the APSA conference-based book edited by Ed Mansfield and his erstwhile Ohio State colleague Richard Sisson, The Evolution of

Political Knowledge: Theory and Inquiry in American Politics (Ohio State University Press, 2004); the "Foreword" to Voices from the Edge: Narratives about the Americans with Disabilities Act, edited by Ruth O'Brien (Oxford University Press, 2004); and "The Puzzling Place of Race in American Political Science" in the January, 2004 issue of PS: Political Science and Politics. Smith's essay "Civil Liberties in the Brave New World of Anti-Terrorism" will appear in the forthcoming Radical History Review and his essay "Identities, Interests, and the Tasks of Political Science" will appear in the next issue of Perspectives on Politics.

Professor Henry Teune

Professor Teune presented a paper on "Globalization, Democracy, and New Urban Forms" at the Conference on The Quality of Social Existence in a Globalizing World last November at Freiburg, Germany. He will be presenting a paper on, "The Dynamics of Local-Global Relations" at the Research Council Meeting of the International Sociological Association in May in Ottawa, Canada.

He is co-chairing the Symposium sessions "Citizenship, Human Rights, and Social Exclusion" for the 16th World Congress of the International Sociological Association in Durban, South Africa in July 2006. As a member of the program committee, he will be engaged in the planning for this Congress.

His work as principle investigator of the Universities as Sites of Democratic Education research program continues. Some of this is now targeted on the Council of Europe's Year of Education for Democracy in 2005.

UNDERGRADUATE CORNER

This section is reserved for Political Science undergraduates who would like to distribute information about



their studies or alert others about opportunities.

Conor Lamb, C'06

Conor is a sophomore and interned for the Howard Dean campaign in New Hampshire for about a month. While there, he organized and ran house meetings, did voter persuasion both door-to-door and on the telephone, managed data, and helped organize our Election Day Get Out the Vote Effort. Though we lost in the end, he learned a ton about grassroots organizing and made some great connections.

Jamie Meltzer, C'06

Jamie is a senior political science major and participated in the Washington Semester Program for Fall 2002. Next year, she will work in the Legal Department at Goldman Sachs in a two-year program. Se plans to attend law school.

Matthew Rao, C'05

Matthew is a double-major in Political Science and Urban Studies. He worked as an intern in Mayor John Street's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative last summer. He also compiled a research portfolio for his related Urban Studies fieldwork.

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

Have you written a great paper?

Now is your opportunity to get it published! We are currently accepting essay submissions for the Spring 2004 edition of "Sound Politicks," the Political Science Journal. We encourage submissions from undergraduates of any class or major who have a unique perspective on a political topic. Papers of approximately 4000 words, with endnote citations, will be considered for publication.

Our Fall 2003 edition, released in November, contains six insightful articles on a broad range of topics taught at Penn, and received very positive feedback from students and faculty. You can find the full archive of the Journal on the Pi Sigma Alpha website (the Political Science Honor

Society), at the following link: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/PiSigma/SoundPoliticks.htm>.

If you are interested in having your paper considered, please e-mail your submissions (or questions, if any) to Irene Ayzenberg at irenea@sas.upenn.edu.

The deadline for this edition is April 2, 2004, and we will accept submissions on a rolling basis .

Graduate Corner

Graham Dodds

Graham Dodds is finishing up his dissertation while on fellowship at The Brookings Institution, in Washington DC. He will present a paper at the Midwest PSA conference in Chicago in April and two papers at the APSA conference in Chicago in September. This fall, Graham will start a tenure-track job at Concordia University in Montreal.

Tristan James Mabry

Review of: Language Rights and Political Theory (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), Will Kymlicka and Alan Patten, eds.

Journal: *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, vol. 3, no. 2, 58-60 (2003)

Dani Miodownik

Dani is continuing his work on the dissertation project: "The Emergence and Trajectories of Ethnopolitical Contention: When Regional Self-Determination Meets the State" (working title). A paper written in collaboration with Dr. Ian Lustick and Dr. Roy Eidelson from the Asch center was accepted for publication. The paper titled: "Secessionism in Multicultural States: Does Sharing Power Prevent or Encourage it?" is scheduled to appear in the May issue of the *American Political Science Review*.

Dani and Dr. Lustick will be presenting results from their current project on identity cascades and tips in the upcoming conferences of the Association for the study of Nationalism, and at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Ed Webb

For the first time this year, SAS inaugurated the Dean's Scholars awards for graduate students. The recognition is for outstanding academic achievement and a sense of intellectual adventure.

Ed was chosen by SAS as a Dean's Scholar winner for the academic year 2003-2004. He is one of 10 recipients of this honor among all the graduate students in the School of Arts and Sciences, both of which Ed displays in abundance.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

*Political Science Department
Faculty Pre-Registration Reception*
Wednesday, March 17th
Time: 4:30 p.m.
The Forum, Stiteler Hall
Presented by: Dept. Political Science

*Pi Sigma Alpha Member's
Dinner and Discourse*
Wednesday, April 14th
Time: 5:00 p.m.
The Forum, Stiteler Hall
Presented by Pi Sigma Alpha

*Pi Sigma Alpha
Year 2004 Programs
Announcement Deadlines*

Student Papers Awards,
nominations due by June 15th

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Reports, due June 1st

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