Enrollment Growth!

A marked increase in online enrollments and undergraduates majoring in political science and international relations.

As of August 2017, the department had a total of 635 undergraduates majoring in political science (461) and international relations (174). This is approximately a 10% increase from our numbers in fall 2016. Additionally, our online course enrollment jumped to 417 at the start of this semester from 288 in 2016. The Iowa Center for Higher Education saw a slight increase of students taking political science courses. We believe recent additions to both our general education and online offerings may have contributed to the overall enrollment growth.

Topping the Big Ten in Ph.D. Placements

According to the 2016 Big Ten Survey, our department ranked the highest in Ph.D. placements with 87.5%. The results also indicated that we had the smallest program in terms of faculty and grad students within the Big Ten.

PhD Placement % 2015-16 Big 10 Survey

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Recent Scholarship Donations

Thanks to generous donations from alumni, the department will be offering two new opportunities to our annual undergraduate scholarships.

Richard J. Tyner International Relations Scholarship
Available Spring 2018. The award will be granted to political science and international students with preference given to members of the honors program.

Molly C. and Joseph R. Gaylord Scholarship Fund
Recently awarded to students in 2017. The award recognizes political science students who graduated from an Iowa high school and are actively involved in campus activities.

We are very pleased to add these to our list of annual scholarships!

Send us your suggestions and content for the next quarterly newsletter to: polisci@uiowa.edu
Visiting Scholars

Please welcome the following postdoc scholars visiting us from China. They will be assisting with Wenfang Tang’s research during the dates highlighted.

Jingjing Lin
Lecturer, School of Public Affairs, Southwest Jiaotong University
Research topic: Quantitative methods and big data analysis in comparative politics and Chinese politics
**AUG 2016 - SEP 2017**

Han Jiang
Doctoral Candidate, School of Government, Sun Yat-Sen University
Research topic: Political factionalism in the Ming Dynasty
**SEP 2016 - SEP 2017**

Xuchuan Lei
Associate Professor and Associate Dean, School of Public Affairs & Law, Southwest Jiaotong University
Research topic: Quantitative methods in the study of Chinese politics
**DEC 2016 - DEC 2017**

Hongjun Jiang
Associate Professor, School of Public Administration, Guangzhou University
Research topic: Citizen rights and the evolution of national anti-poverty policy
**DEC 2016 - DEC 2017**

Xiaoyan Liu
Associate Professor, East China Normal University
Research topic: Gender and politics
**AUG 2017 - AUG 2018**

Difei Hu
Associate Professor, School of Public Administration and Emergency Management, Jinan University
Research topic: Chinese identity of Chinese Americans
**AUG 2017 - AUG 2018**

Jing Liu
Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Beijing Institute of Technology
Research topic: Mechanisms of public participation in social risk evaluation of major policy decisions
**SEP 2017 - SEP 2018**

Xingquan Xie
Doctoral Candidate, School of Public Administration, Sichuan University
Research topic: Assessing the quality of public service provision
**SEP 2017 - SEP 2018**

Zixiang Hu
Professor and Associate Dean, College of Marxism, Southwest Jiaotong University
Research topic: Earthquake relief
**NOV 2017 - JUL 2018**

Min Yan
Lecturer, School of Public Affairs & Law, Southwest Jiaotong University
Research topic: Quantitative methods and big data analysis in comparative politics and Chinese politics
**NOV 2017 - NOV 2018**

Lidong Li
Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Public Management, College of Law and Politics, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University
Research topic: State-society relations and its transition in contemporary China
**DEC 2017 - NOV 2018**

Yan Lin
Doctoral Candidate, School of Government, Sun Yat-Sen University
Research topic: China-US government decision-making mechanisms at the local level
**JAN 2018 - JAN 2019**

Wei Jiang
Lecturer, Center for Youth Media Literacy, Liaoning Normal University
Research topic: Nature and strategies of government’s microblog service in political communication under different contexts
**JAN 2018 - JAN 2019**

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**Reisinger Postdoc**

Xu Bo
Associate Professor, Northeast Asian Studies College, Jilin University, Changchun, China
Research topic: Russian foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific region
**DEC 2015 – JAN 2018**

Bo is currently finishing up his second stay at the University of Iowa. While visiting, he has conducted research that will appear as reports and articles in Chinese and participated in courses taught by Profs. Kadera, Menninga, Mitchell and Reisinger. He recently presented a paper, co-authored with Reisinger, at the 2017 International Studies Association conference in Baltimore. A revised version is now under review at International Relations of the Asia-Pacific. He’s a big fan of Hawkeye sports and has season tickets to the football games. We wish Bo and his family a safe return to China at the end of the semester.
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Bomi Lee

This summer I attended the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) program in Ann Arbor. I took two formal theory courses, Game Theory and Rational Choice Theory. In my classes, I recognized that what I’ve learned so far in Iowa is extremely helpful to understanding the course material. All thanks to our amazing professors! I had multiple opportunities, not just to learn formal modeling, but to also interact with other graduate students and faculty from all over the world through social events. As former participants of ICPSR pointed out, singing (and of course, dancing) at karaoke was one of the memorable moments in Ann Arbor. I would like to thank the department for giving me this opportunity!

Chicago Area Behavior Conference (CAB)
Christine Bricker

Last May I attended the Chicago Area Behavior Conference (CAB) organized by Jamie Druckman at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. CAB is a special experience. It is a small, day-long conference that focuses on the diverse ways political scientists, sociologists, psychologists, and journalists study political behavior and the implications of their work. Jamie Druckman does an excellent job of bringing in speakers who use unique approaches to researching behavior. The conference also does an exceptional job of mentoring junior scholars. Through the mentor-student lunch, graduate Courtney Juelich and I both had lunch with researchers whose work directly related to ours. Moreover, I participated in the poster session for students on the job market. Not only did I receive excellent feedback on my work, but I also made good connections with faculty. Finally, Northwestern’s Institute for Policy Research featured my work in their newsletter about the conference. I’m grateful for Caroline Tolbert’s personal commitment to providing Iowa graduate students with this experience.

RECENTLY AWARDED GRADS

Christine Bricker
Helen Fairall Scholarship, 2017

Addison Huygens
Lawrence Fairall Scholarship, 2017

Brian Janssen
Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Award, 2017 & Helen Fairall Scholarship, 2017

Samantha Lange
David and Rosalie Braverman Scholarship, 2017

Ray Ou Yang
Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship, 2017

Cody Schmidt
Lawrence Fairall Scholarship, 2017

Rachel Torres
APSA Minority Fellow & the Underrepresented Minority Summer Research Fellowship, 2017

Desmond Wallace
Dean’s Graduate Fellowship, 2017

Josh Tschantret
2017-18 Collab Assistant

Josh provides assistance with tech and schedules use of the 334 SH collab.
The water tastes of salt block, the air dry from a fan-blower. The whirling noise-maker scoops its way through space. First time for me, doilied dixie cups permanent liquid creamer a motorized toilet lid. CNN in the bedroom’s new. My driver knocks. It’s my first interview.