Any things go into making an academic major of high quality. Where did the professors get their Ph.D.? Are they good teachers? Do they keep up with current research? How much attention do they give individual students? Is advising and staff support good? Is the library up to date? Are class sizes appropriate? Are fellow students among the best and the brightest? These, and many other considerations, go into making a top Political Science program. U.S. News & World Report has wrestled with the issue of evaluating program quality in arriving at their regularly published college rankings. Recently, they published their "America's Best Graduate Schools" (2006 Edition). Among the nation's public universities, the Iowa Political Science doctoral program was rated No. 12. Looking at all institutions, public or private, our rating was No. 25. These rankings are outstanding in their own right. Further, within the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Political Science ranks higher than any of the other traditional liberal arts majors.

We are proud of this stellar ranking, especially since it is on the rise. How did U.S. News & World Report arrive at this result? Basically, they sent a questionnaire to the Chair and the Director of Graduate Studies in all but the smallest Ph.D. granting institutions in the country. In this peer-assessment survey, they were asked to evaluate the academic quality of each of these institutions, on a five-point scale, ranging from outstanding (5) to marginal (1). If they did not know the answer to a particular question, they could say so. The scores (excluding the "don't knows") were then averaged for each school and compared. Iowa's overall score (of 3.3) places it in good company, with Indiana University, University of Texas, and University of Washington (all at the same score).

Good as they are, Iowa's ratings are even better, once you take into account the relatively small size of the program. The schools ranked ahead of Iowa tend to be larger, generally much larger. It is no accident Harvard, Michigan, Berkeley, and Duke, with their more numerous faculties, place in the top ten. Iowa currently has a full-time faculty of 25, making it the second-smallest Political Science faculty in the Big Ten. If one controls for size, by looking at research productivity per capita, the Iowa rating goes still higher. For example, in a recent study of top scholarly journal articles published per faculty member, Iowa Political Science ranked first in the Big Ten, and fourth nationwide (Ballard and Mitchell, 1998). This outstanding rate of academic output extends from faculty to students. Another study examined scholarly productivity, according to where the Political Scientist had received his or her Ph.D. It was found that Iowa Political Science Ph.D.'s ranked fourth in the nation on this measure (McCormick and Rice, 2001).

What we see here is another Iowa success story. In the fierce academic competition among the nation's Political Science departments, the University of Iowa does well. This is a tribute to the ongoing high quality of its faculty, staff, and students. Given that the Iowa department is often in a David-against-Goliath competition because of its small size, one can even say it has done extremely well. Of course, the next thing David needs is a bigger slingshot, in the form of more faculty members, to help make Iowa's already good reputational ranking, in surveys such as that of U.S. News & World Report, more in line with its extremely high rankings in terms of actual scholarly productivity.

-Michael S. Lewis-Beck
F. Wendell Miller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Political Science
Neither summer has rolled around. In the high heat and humidity, we wear shorts, short-sleeves, and sneakers. Students and profs alike. It’s hard to believe the Pentagon lawn soon will be touched by fall leaves, and we will be reaching for sweaters and football tickets, the academic year well under way. It is even harder to recall the flurry of events that have marked Political Science at Iowa the year past. Good citizens of the Middle Border, we are always looking forward to the harvest. Still, it is useful to consider where we have been. What has much connected us is sharing our comings and goings, as we pursue our scholarly ambitions.

With respect to comings, numerous outstanding speakers paid the department a visit: James Scott of Yale spoke on “Globalization: The Search for a Universal Gear,” Martha Finnemore of George Washington and Dina Zinnes of Illinois were Senior Scholars in a World Politics Workshop, editor of the American Political Science Review Lee Sigelman spoke on “How to Publish in Political Science,” and the editor-elect of the American Journal of Political Science Marianne Stewart spoke on “The 2005 British Election Study.” Our visiting faculty was especially appreciated: Matt Golder from NYU talked Western European politics, and during his visit here he and his wife, Sonja (a political scientist in her own right), had a baby boy, Sena. Maksym Beznoshchenko came to us from the Ukraine, Tseras Shevchenko National University, as did Alex Komorensky, Sergey Shetipa, and Nickolay Kapitonenko. While Maksym and Sergey did research on courses they would create for Ukraine, Nickolay and Alex taught courses to our undergraduates here. They were greatly liked by our undergraduates, who got firsthand glimpses of a far-away part of the world.

Other new arrivals are our new faculty, Joe-Joe Spoon from Michigan, and Christian Jensen from UCLA. Both study Western European politics, while Joe-Joe emphasizes political parties, and Chris concentrates on the European Union. We are very proud of our top-notch incoming class of thirteen graduate students, who hail from Missouri, New York, Illinois, North Dakota, Korea, Washington, Michigan, Nebraska, and Maryland. We certainly look forward to working with them, not to mention our new batch of political science undergraduate majors. (The department now has about 800 majors, one of the highest numbers in the College.)

With respect to goings, there have been many. At the American Political Science Association (APSA) Meetings in Chicago, Iowa presented 33 papers (including 7 graduate student presenters). At the Midwest Political Science meeting, which is almost as large as APSA, we made a whopping 53 presentations, including 20(!!!) graduate students. In addition to these professional activities, our graduate students actively participated in the Iowa Political Science Conference, the Illinois Political Science Conference, the North Central Council of Latin Americanists Conference, the International Studies Association Conference in Hawaii, the Western Political Science Association meetings in Oakland, California, and the Southern Political Science Association meetings in New Orleans. In terms of academic job placement, our graduate students are claiming excellent positions all across the map—Florida, California, Kansas, Mississippi, Texas.

Faculty research and teaching interests take us far and wide. Barkan to Africa, Bayton to England, Kvedar and Mitchell to Hawaii and Houston, Reed to Taiwan and DC, Boekhote to Ireland and Ann Arbor, Hessi to Ukraine and Uzbekistan, Lewis-Beck to Quebec and Paris, Shippian to Urbana, Chapel Hill, St. Louis and Bloomington. Staff have been busy too. Michele Wiepke biked across Missouri, and Wendy Durant enjoyed the Monterey sun.

This is just a small sampling of the comings and goings of the political science faculty, students, and staff. We are engaged in our work, and it gets us moving. Of course, while we have traveled far and wide, we also stay close to home. In the dead of winter, at the end of term, Professor Lewis-Beck led a group of faculty and students to the steps of MacBride Hall to hear the annual Collegium Teuban, the invigorating outdoor tuba concert performing many holiday favorites. And, a small band of faculty, headed up by Sara Mitchell, will be exploring an Iowa State Fair this summer, with an eye to setting up a Political Science booth. As the recent survey in our departmental newsletter indicated, we are overwhelmingly against moving the department to Southern California.(!) We like Iowa best. The world comes to us, and when it doesn’t, we go to it.

—Michael Lewis-Beck

F. Wendell Miller Distinguished Professor and Chair of Political Science

Joe-Joe Spoon comes to us from the University of Michigan. This fall she will be teaching two courses in our department: Government and Politics of Europe and Comparative Parties and Elections. Joe-Joe’s research interests focus on political parties and party systems (comparative and American), elections and electoral systems (comparative and American), voting behavior (voting for minor parties), West European politics, French politics and social movements.

Her dissertation, titled “Winning Elections or Representing Interests? The Multi-Faceted Strategies of the French Greens, 1997-2002,” proposes a theoretical framework for understanding party behavior in Western Europe. She explores the objectives of the elites and voters of these parties, how they reach these goals, the determinants of their behavior and how their goals differ from those of the older, more established parties.

Joe-Joe Spoon

Christian Jensen will teach our European Union course this fall. He received his Ph.D. from University of California-Los Angeles. His research focuses on European Union regulatory policy and how member states’ administrative institutions influence EU policy implementation. Chris is beginning a second research agenda studying risk aversion. The early research suggests the EU will provide fertile empirical ground for this project as well. He received a B.A. in government from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Christian Jensen

One of our two Visiting Assistant Professors in 2005-2006 is Sung-yun Kim. Sung-yun was born in Seoul, South Korea. After graduating from Seoul National University, he worked at Korean NGOs for human rights, democracy, and economic reform for seven years. He recently received his Ph.D. degree in political science from Stony Brook University. Here he will be teaching various courses on methodology. Sung-yun’s research interests include political psychology, political behavior, and political methodology. His current research focuses on modeling of political information-processing processes—especially the role of affect in cognition, on-line and memory-based processing, and motivated reasoning—and applying it via computer simulations to study empirical voting behavior, survey response, and strategic behavior.

Sung-yun Kim

Another visiting faculty is Linda Camp Keith. This fall she will be teaching courses in our department on American Constitutional Law and Politics, the Criminal Justice System, and Human Rights and the Rule of Law. Linda Keith received her M.A. and Ph.D. in public law at the University of North Texas (1999). Linda has two separate fields of research—international human rights and judicial politics, which are linked together by the primary interest in the rule of law. She has published in journals such as Judicature, Human Rights Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, and Political Science Quarterly, primarily examining the role of judicial independence and constitutional protection in protecting human rights, currently in the process of extending that work forward in time a decade. She also has published research on the U.S. Supreme Court in several journals and currently is working on a project that examines the Court’s power of judicial review of Congress over the course of its history.

A direct connection to Iowa could not be found; however, her mentor and coauthor, Steve Poe, is a very proud alumnus of the University of Iowa political science department. As a native Texan, she admits to being curious about the rhythms that Iowa cannot be any flatter than Texas, and has more tornadoes, but also has even more serious sports fans. When not working, she likes hiking, running, and walking her corgi (though the dog won’t be making the trek to Iowa). Linda’s only son currently lives in Ghana, but will return to the States in the fall. Linda’s identical twin sister lives less than three hours from Iowa City and is excited to have her nearby for awhile.
2005 CLAS Alumni Fellow: shanto Iyengar

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Shanto Iyengar, (Ph D 1971) has been named an Alumni Fellow for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This is a collegiate award that goes to their most distinguished alumni. Currently, Shanto holds the Chair in Communication and is Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. The Alumni Fellows program formally recognizes College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates for their outstanding contributions to society, their professions, the College, and The University of Iowa. Each year, up to six CLAS alumni are honored as Alumni Fellows. Shanto Iyengar has gone far since he graduated but has always and continuously maintained his interest in the department and the University. He has collaborated with faculty and graduates from Iowa as well as with many of the leading scholars in mass communication at the top universities in the country. He has brought back to offer seminars here, has helped our graduates in their careers, and is extraordinarily loyal to Iowa.

His publications are numerous and of extremely high quality and impact. His book on the effects of negative political advertising, "Going Negative: How Political Advertisements Shrink and Polarize the Electorate," won a major prize in the discipline, and he published in that presence as well. Much of his research has been on the role of media in politics, such as his recent book entitled "Do the Media Govern?" Reporters, Politicians, and the American People. Other books of his consider the influence of television on how political issues are shaped and understood. Take, for example, Is Anyone Responsible? How Televised Framed Political Issues. That book was quite popular, appearing in paperback, and in a Spanish edition.

These efforts also indicate something else about Professor Iyengar’s work—it has popular appeal, dealing with the issues of the day. Put another way, he manages to combine high standards of scholarship with the asking of pressing questions about the nature of contemporary politics. Thus, he has had access to a wide audience of readers and listeners. A measure of his appeal is that he is regularly invited to make presentations, and has done so at the Annenberg School of Communication, the Aspen Institute, the University of California at San Diego, University of Illinois, Harvard University, Northwestern, Ohio State, Princeton, and the Presidential Commission on Race, to name some. Surely, the world’s leading scholar on the relationship between the media and politics, Professor Iyengar has at still a relatively young age already won the American Political Science Association’s Murray Edelman Lifetime Career Award for his work on political communication, as well as as a host of other honors. He has published six books and countless academic articles, and his research has been supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Ford, Mariske, and Hewitt Foundations, and the National Science Foundation. His work on the effects of negative campaign advertise-ments on the American polity has gained considerable national attention and, in important ways, shifted the public debate on the subject. He is the sort of distinguished scholar whose career achievements reflect the excellence for which the University strives.

Loewenberg Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Gerald Loewenberg has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for 2005. The AAAS Fellows were nominated and elected to the Academy by its current members. The Academy will welcome new Fellows at an annual induction ceremony on October 8, at the Academy’s headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Loewenberg is in distinguished company among new Fellows, including Nobel Prize-winning physicists Eric Cornell of the University of Colorado, Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Academy Award-winning actor and director Sidney Poitier, journalist Tom Brokaw, Google co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page, architects, sculptor and designer of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, Maya Lin, and four Pulitzer Prize winners—dramatist Horton Foote, playwright Tony Kushner, novelist Alison Lurie and cartoonist Art Spiegelman. There are approximately 4,000 Fellows and 600 Foreign Honorary Members worldwide, including more than 150 Nobel Laureates and 59 Pulitzer Prize winners. The broad-based membership, composed of scholars and practitioners from both arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities and the arts, public affairs and business, gives the Academy a unique capacity to conduct a wide range of interdisciplinary studies and public policy research.

alumni provide Careers Workshop

Commercial Federal Bank, and Ryan Muller (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Highland Park, Illinois). Obviously, the careers represented by this group were diverse: some public sector, others private, some from eastern Iowa and others from the Chicago area.

The workshop was a great success, drawing about 75 students who were glad to hear voices from "the real world" telling them that studying political science could contribute both to career choice and career advancement. This whole thing probably could not have happened without the efforts of Greg Bielawski, who identified potential participants and also made several planning trips to Iowa City. The Department is very grateful to everyone for the invaluable contributions that made this workshop successful.

Global Scholar Award

With regards to a Global Scholar Award recipient The Global Scholars Program is intended to provide faculty the opportunity to consider their research and teaching in relation to significant globalizing trends. It will provide the opportunity to conduct research on international topics and issues for a semester each year for two years, beginning 2004-2006.

Reisinger Named UI Associate Provost, Dean of international programs

William Reisinger has been named associate provost and dean of international Programs at the University of Iowa after holding the position on an interim basis since July 2003. The associate provost and dean works with the provost, other members of the central administration, deans, faculty and staff to enhance international activities at the UI. In recognition of the interdisciplinary nature of international academic programs and the several international degree programs supervised, the associate provost also serves as dean of international Programs. Reisinger will be responsible for overseeing the Office of International Students and Scholars, and the interdisciplinary centers, programs, and study groups organized within International Programs. He will provide leadership for the UI's internationally oriented teaching, research, creative work and service and promote internationalization of the curriculum. He will work with vice presidents, deans and directors of the international units and programs to strengthen faculty resources in international programs and enhance academic partnerships with foreign institutions.

Reisinger was named full professor in 1996 and chaired the Department of Political Science from August 2001 until July 2003.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

The University of Iowa Council on Teaching has honored a graduate student for excellence in teaching. J. Michael Reisinger, an assistant teaching assistant in the departments of political science and history, receives this award for excellence in teaching. Reisinger has an exceptional record of teaching and has been a valued member of the University community. Thank you for your outstanding teaching.
Joe Barkan Retirement

Joe Barkan was recognized for his numerous contributions to International Programs and the UI Department of Political Science at this year's International Programs Awards Celebration held in May 2005. Barkan joined the department in 1972 and served as its chair from 1985 to 1987. He has worked and conducted research throughout Africa and India and is a prominent scholar of political and economic change in the non-industrialized world. He was especially instrumental in the creation of the UI Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS), the predecessor to International Programs, as well as the African Studies Program and the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council. During the program, William Reisinger, associate provost of academic programs and dean of International Programs, announced the creation of a merit-based study abroad scholarship thanks to a generous gift from Joel and Sandra Barkan—to provide opportunities for future generations of students to become internationally engaged. Sandra Barkan is an associate dean in the UI Graduate College. "We hope that their colleagues and friends will contribute to the fund to ensure that the scholarship will be available for future students," Reisinger said. "I feel fortunate that my position provides many opportunities to see our UI faculty, students and staff engaged in international teaching, research and service. With the coming year being "The Year of Public Engagement," it seems particularly appropriate to focus on the many ways these individuals are engaged in the world."
Alumni Updates

Lane Davis (July 21, 1918 - October 11, 2004)

Lane Davis joined the Department of Political Science as a political theorist in 1949. He taught in the department until his retirement in 1980. He received his B.A. from the University of Kansas in 1941. After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he earned a master's degree in 1948 and Ph.D. in 1950 from Cornell University.

Following are excerpts from John Nelson's (friend and colleague) comments at Lane's memorial service:

"Lane Davis would be remembered more for his vigorous practice and support of Iowa athletics in sailing, wrestling, football, baseball, basketball, and track and field than for his courageous resistance to the Parkinson's disease that took his strength and eventually his life. More for his teaching of political theory in Literature, Science and the Arts, the Good Society, Honors and Unified Programs, and Political Science at the Universities of Iowa, Washington, and Wisconsin than for his writing on pluralism and jurisprudence of his telling of stories. Especially Lane would want to be remembered more for his enduring love of his family and friends than even for his passionate positions on everything from politics and culture to the kitchen sink. Lane never met a topic he was unwilling to contest. Lane loved his work as a university professor. He was a teacher's teacher, both literally and in the larger sense. In 1985 Lane earned the Amoco Senior Faculty Teaching Award, and Iowa's highest honor for professional work in and beyond the classroom. He was a precise yet also a demonstrative speaker. He generated lively discussions. He crafted exquisite lectures. He taught the craft of teaching, which is a pervasive political, with great dedication and skill. Several of Lane's assistants have left Iowa to win top teaching awards from their institutions. He conducted some of the most engaging, participatory classes that Iowa or any other university is likely to see. Lane's passion for collegial participation reached well beyond ideas, classes, and politics. In the United States, he served as diverse as Ping-Pong and sailing. He helped create the UI Sailing Club, and-"
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Gerhard Loewenberg Political Research Fund: The fund was created to honor Professor Gerhard Loewenberg at his retirement in May 2003. Loewenberg joined the faculty at Iowa in 1970. He served as chair of the political science department from 1982 to 1984 and as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1984 to 1992. Loewenberg's colleagues consider him a leading authority on European politics, and he is known for excellence in classroom teaching and in the mentoring of graduate students. Funds are to provide support for faculty and students conducting research in political science. The funds support the department chair. Potential uses include, but are not limited to, travel, research oriented software and guest speakers or lecturers.

Political Science Development Fund: Funds are to provide program support including faculty/staff recruiting, faculty development, student recruitment, research program development, promotion, fellowships, scholarships and other items which may, in the judgment of the chair of the department, best serve the overall program of the Department of Political Science.

Sudhinda Bose Library Fund: The fund was created by Mrs. Anna Z. Bose in honor of her husband, Sudhinda Bose who died in 1946. He was born near Dacca, Bangladesh, in 1885. He came to the United States in 1904 and earned a B.A. and M.A. at the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1913. Dr. Bose taught in the Department of Political Science from 1913 until his death. He was considered a pioneer in teaching courses in Asian and Far Eastern politics and civilization. The fund was used to endow a departmental library in the name of Dr. Bose and continues to support the purchase of journals, etc. The funds, at the discretion of the Dean, will also provide support for guest lecturers through the Sudhinda Bose Lecture Series, and provide research and educational support to the faculty of the Department of Political Science.

Lone Davis Teaching Award in Political Science Fund: This fund will be used to provide an award to an outstanding teacher in the Department of Political Science.

Political Science Faculty Recommend Good Books

It is once again time for the faculty to recommend readings. This year there are four books, the first, coming from Professor Joel Barkan (who gives it a rave review), is coauthored by Jim Lindsay, a former Iowa faculty member (now Vice President and Director of Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York). Here is the citation: Ivor Dooler and James Lindsay, America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy (Brookings Institution)-but wait for the second edition, which will probably be more colorful. A second book, highly recommended by Professor Benjamin Read, is by Seth Faison, South of the Clouds: Exploring the Hidden Realms of China (St. Martin’s Press, 2004) This is a personal memoir of China from a long-time New York Times correspondent. The third recommendation is from Professor Michael Lewi-Bashi. Extreme Measures: The Dark Visions and Bright Ideas of Francis Galton, by Martin Brooks (Bloomsbury, 2004). As the title implies, Galton (the inventor of modern statistics) was a weird mixture of genius, eccentricity and psychopathology. Finally, a best seller, recommended by Professor Douglas Maase: Preyaneconomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (HarperCollins, 2005) Among the questions addressed by this delightful book are these: Which is more dangerous, a gun or a swimming pool? What do schoolteachers and some wrestlers have in common? And why do drug dealers still live with their moms?
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