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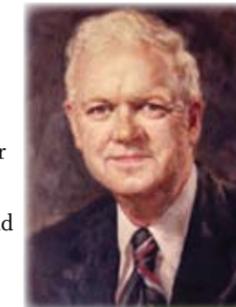
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Honoring a beloved professor, supporting the Department



Donald B. Johnson

If you fondly remember Professor Donald B. Johnson, who taught our classes on the Presidency and American political parties for nearly 30 years, you are not alone.

From the very beginning of his teaching career in 1951, Don was immensely popular, routinely filling his classrooms to overflowing. He changed more than a few students' lives through his teaching, his advising, and more broadly, his caring. In fact, in a recent survey of our graduates, more than two decades after Don stopped teaching, he was cited as a favorite professor more times than any other professor in the Department, past or present.

Last year, Allan D. Schimmel (see sidebar on page 2), who studied in the Political Science Department in the early 1960s, made a substantial gift commitment to the Department in Don's memory to create the Donald B. Johnson Development Fund.

The Johnson Fund's main educational purpose is to support teaching, especially instruction that introduces students to the world of practical politics. Getting students into the real political world—immersing students in the fine points of intra-party power struggles, campaign strategies, and elected officials' policy-making—was always of the greatest importance to Don.

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A Minnesotan by birth, Donald B. Johnson received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1943 and thereafter served in the Navy until the end of World War II.

(Among other things, his Navy service included command of a landing craft at the Normandy invasion.) At war's end, he began graduate work in political science at the University of Illinois, earning his Ph.D. in 1952. He was a member of the Governor's Committee on Human Relations and a consultant for the United States Commission on Civil Rights in the turbulent 1960s. In politics, he served on his party's Johnson County Central Committee, volunteered his services in numerous campaigns, and in 1980 was a delegate at his party's presidential nominating convention. When Don died in 1981, a Des Moines Register writer (and former Johnson student) devoted an entire column to Don's memory. It was a wonderful tribute to a favorite professor, a man whose teaching and whose life were marked by civic engagement, quiet good sense, and warm humanity.

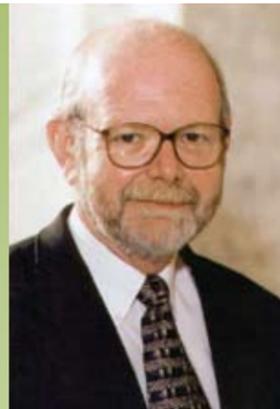
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With support from the Johnson Fund, we intend to continue Don's "in-the-trenches" approach to engaging students in the political process. One new undergraduate course is doing exactly that. In the year-long Iowa Policy Research Organization (I-PRO) class, students learn to do policy research and then have the opportunity to prepare high quality original policy research reports at the request of Iowa State Legislators and other public officials in the state. I-PRO has been an enormous success—both in the eyes of the students and in the eyes of the legislators who use the research. Visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/~ipro/> to learn more about this exciting program.

The Johnson Fund will focus on encouraging and enabling direct student involvement in public service and practical politics, as well

as the instruction related to these activities—a critical need right now, when state funding no longer meets our needs in these important areas.

Please consider making a gift to the Donald B. Johnson Fund in addition to your annual gift to the Department. Gifts of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 will help us reach our goal. Of course, gifts of all sizes are appreciated and important. To make a donation online today, please visit our website and click on "Support Political Science." If you have specific questions about methods of giving, such as appreciated stock, or a deferred gift like a bequest, Jeff Liebermann (800/648-6973 or jeff-liebermann@uiowa.edu) at The University of Iowa Foundation is ready to help.



ALLAN SCHIMMEL

Allan Schimmel has made a generous gift commitment to support the Donald B. Johnson Development Fund, helping to ensure that political science students in the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences continue to have access to life-altering real-world political experiences. His leadership contribution will not only help the Department continue—and expand—its commitment to excellence in political education, but will also honor the memory of a beloved professor, Don Johnson.

Allan was born in Sioux Center, a small town in the northwest corner of Iowa. He completed his undergraduate degree at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, in 1962 and that autumn entered the University of Iowa as a graduate student in

political science. However, the allure and excitement of real-world politics soon led him to leave the UI for Washington, D.C., following an opportunity to serve as legislative assistant to Congressman Fred Schwengel from Iowa's first district.

When Schwengel failed to be re-elected Allan resumed his studies in the Political Science Department, earning a master's degree in 1966. He then directed Schwengel's successful comeback campaign and returned to Washington and his former role for another six years.

After Schwengel was again defeated, Allan became the aide to a different congressman for a few years before moving to a senior management role with the U.S. Railway Association, an organization created and

chartered by Congress to reorganize a set of bankrupt railroads. He later became the Director of Federal Relations for Conrail and thereafter its Vice President – Administrative Services and Corporate Secretary.

Allan retired in 1996, but has remained very involved with civic and charitable activities, among them serving on boards for Northwestern College, the Community College of Philadelphia, MAANA (which delivers meals to those homebound with HIV/AIDS), the Southeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Red Cross, the Board of Visitors of Air University, the Presbytery of Philadelphia, the Committee of Seventy (a civic watchdog group), LyricFest and the Maestro Circle Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Notes from the Chair



In the Poligram

Welcome to the 2008 *Poligram* newsletter! As in past years, this issue is full of good news about our students, faculty, and alumni. Several top-notch students are featured, among them undergraduate Meredith DeBoom, winner of TWO very prestigious national scholarships and our own Donald B. Johnson Scholarship. On the faculty front, you will learn about Professor Mike Lewis-Beck's important new book, *The American Voter Revisited*. And, we are happy to share with you the accomplishments of many of our alums. These are just a few of the stories in this year's *Poligram*. Take a few minutes to enjoy all of them.

Political Science and the Flood

Undoubtedly you are aware that eastern Iowa suffered massive flooding this past June. As the waters were rising many political science students and faculty members joined thousands of other volunteers in sandbagging efforts to save portions of Iowa City and surrounding communities. Some of these makeshift levees held, but others did not. In the end, water flooded more than two dozen campus buildings. The Arts campus on the west side of the Iowa River was particularly hard hit—the Art Museum, Art Building, Theatre Building, Hancher

Auditorium, and Voxman Music Building were all seriously damaged. On the east side, the English Philosophy Building, the Iowa Memorial Union, and the Library were among the buildings that took on water. Fortunately, Political Science was well above the flood waters in Schaeffer Hall on the Pentacrest. After the flood we doubled up in many of our offices to make temporary space available for some of our displaced colleagues from other departments. The good news is that the University moved quickly to clean and repair many of the damaged buildings and the school year started on time.

The Donald Johnson Fund

I hope that you will read the lead story in the *Poligram*. The Department is embarking on a major fund raising campaign for the Professor Donald B. Johnson Development Fund, and we need your help. Money from the endowed fund will support undergraduate teaching, student involvement in governmental service, and student-centered scholarship—all activities that marked Don's distinguished career. Please consider making a gift to the fund today.

Tom Rice

Chair, Department of Political Science

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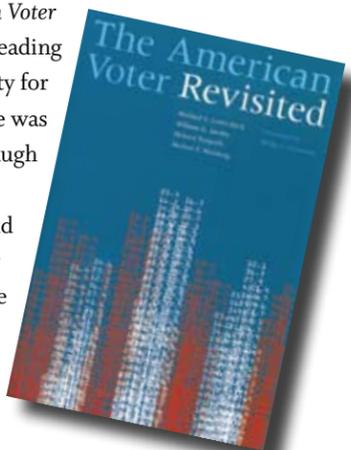


Shambaugh Conference on *The American Voter*

If you took a voting behavior class while you were at Iowa, chances are good that you were introduced to *The American Voter*, the classic book on the voting patterns of Americans in the 1952 and 1956 presidential elections. Among the first election studies to make extensive use of survey data, it examined every major aspect of voting and did so with creativity and clarity. Its theories and empirical findings are still much cited today. But do the book's conclusions hold up when tested against contemporary survey data?

Our own Michael Lewis-Beck, along with three scholars from other institutions, performed such a test using survey data from the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections. Their findings, published in the much heralded new book, *The American Voter Revisited*, show that voting behavior has remained remarkably consistent. After almost half a century, the original theories hold up well. In terms of data analysis, Mike and his co-authors use simple figures and tables, much like the original book, making their study accessible to everyday readers. We recommend that you pick up a copy!

To mark the release of *The American Voter Revisited* the Department brought 15 leading scholars of voting behavior to Iowa City for a conference this May. The conference was sponsored by the Benjamin F. Shambaugh Memorial Fund. The attendees presented original research that tested and extended various hypotheses of voting behavior. Plans are for the papers to be published in a special edition of the journal *Electoral Studies*.



Vicki Hesli's Global Scholar Award activities

Three years ago, Professor Vicki Hesli received the University's prestigious Global Scholar Award. Global Scholars are released from half their usual year of teaching, advising, administrative, and service obligations for two consecutive academic years in order to concentrate on their scholarship. Now that her award is coming to an end, we want to inform you on the productive



ways Vicki used her release time. In the fall of 2005 Vicki traveled to Kyrgyzstan to begin a collaborative research project with scholars at Kyrgyz National University. The project consists of collecting public opinion data (no easy task in that country) to assess attitudes towards political issues, the political system, and the recent revolution in the country. While in Kyrgyzstan, she was also able to negotiate

a general agreement on academic cooperation with Kyrgyz National University. In another project, Vicki is studying the reasons for the lack of democratization in the Muslim regions of the former Soviet Union, especially Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. A third project is a case study of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt—the largest and most significant opposition organization to the regime of President Mubarak. She traveled to Egypt in early 2008 to work on this project.

Finally, at the urging of former Associate Provost William Reisinger, Vicki organized the Middle East and Muslim World Studies group on campus. The group is dedicated to encouraging new courses and increasing campus and community awareness and understanding of Middle East and Muslim cultures. Vicki led the way by developing and offering two new undergraduate courses: Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World and Ethnic and Religious Conflict in the Muslim World.

The Hawkeye Poll provides teaching, research, and service opportunities

In the last *Poligram* we reported on the Hawkeye Poll, an exciting new project started by Professors David Redlawsk and Caroline Tolbert. The Poll periodically sampled the opinions of Iowans in the run up to the Iowa caucuses last January. It was so successful that the University will continue to fund the Poll during the 2008-09 academic year. After the caucuses, David and Caroline turned their attention outside Iowa, conducting a February survey in the Super Tuesday primary states and an April survey in Pennsylvania on the eve of that state's important primary. This fall the Poll surveyed Iowans and voters nationwide on the presidential race and other topics in August, September, and October.

All of the Hawkeye Poll surveys have received significant attention from the local and national press. For example, the results of the October 2007 poll were released to dozens of media outlets at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. This poll, which was one of the first to show Mike Huckabee making substantial gains in Iowa, was widely cited in a *New York Times Magazine* cover story on Huckabee a few weeks later. In all, hundreds of media stories have featured the Hawkeye Poll results and David and Caroline have given dozens of interviews to the press. The results were included at www.pollster.com, a leading site aggregating national polling



Professors Caroline Tolbert and David Redlawsk

results. Inclusion at Pollster.com requires meeting strict methodological criteria.

The Hawkeye Poll is an important teaching tool, providing undergraduate and graduate students with marketable skills in survey design, execution, and analysis. Students assist David and Caroline design and pretest the questionnaires, select the sample of people to be contacted, prepare the data for analysis, and examine the survey results. Students also conduct the telephone interviews. The surveys have been incorporated

into several classes that concern research methods, political campaigning, and public opinion.

Yet another benefit of the Hawkeye Poll is that the data are being used in scholarly research. Faculty members and students have already written many papers using the data. In one particularly interesting example, graduate student Alex Cohen is using the results of the Super Tuesday poll to examine the relationship between public opinion and the weather. The time and location of each interview is collected as part of the study and he has merged these data with weather information for that time and location, provided by the National Weather Service. His preliminary findings suggest that opinions on some questions vary depending on whether it is sunny or cloudy!

new faculty



Pomerantz chair in legislative studies

Shortly before his death last August, Marvin Pomerantz, one of the University's most generous benefactors, contributed funds to create the endowed Marvin and Rose Lee Pomerantz Chair in Political Science. He was convinced that by focusing on its best programs, The University of Iowa could be among the top public universities in the country, and that conviction motivated his gift to our Department.

Mr. Pomerantz's initiating gift launched us on a mission to strengthen our Comparative Legislative Research Center. For the past four decades the Center has promoted the teaching and research of faculty and graduate students specializing in the study of Congress, American state legislatures, and legislatures in newly democratic countries in general.

The Center has been important to our worldwide reputation in legislative studies, both through the work of its faculty and through the publication of the *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, the official journal of the Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association.

Since the Center's founding in 1971, elected legislatures have spread over the globe. To maintain the reputation of the Center in the study of this indispensable democratic political institution, and to meet the new challenges of studying legislatures worldwide, the Department will establish an endowment to help in the recruitment of highly talented students and faculty, and then facilitate their teaching and research efforts. External research grants, student internships, and sponsored lectures and conferences will be a part of the Center's mission.



Kyle Mattes

We are pleased to welcome two new faculty members, Kyle Mattes and Cameron Thies, to the Department. Kyle earned his Ph.D. this year from the California Institute of Technology and his research areas are formal theory and American politics.

His recent work focuses on aspects of negative campaigning, including game theoretic models of campaign strategy and experiments in which subjects simulate campaign

decision-making. This research examines why candidates choose negative campaigning, when it is most effective, and how it affects voters emotionally and neurologically.

Kyle received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and then worked in the information technology consulting field before starting graduate school. He will be teaching courses in methodology and American politics.

Cameron joins the Department as an associate professor after two years at the University of Missouri and seven years at Louisiana State University. He earned his Ph.D. from Arizona State in 1999. His research

focuses broadly on international relations, including (1) work on agricultural trade, central bank independence and monetary politics, and (2) the effects of interstate and intrastate conflict on state building in the developing world.

Cameron brings extensive teaching experience to the Department. In addition, he has administered several education programs.

He served as the Director of Louisiana State's Residential Colleges Program, a living and learning community in which curricular and co-curricular activities and events are integrated in a residence hall environment. At Missouri, he was the Director of Special Degree Programs, an office that managed a variety of interdisciplinary degrees, including a B.A. in International Studies. He has also directed summer abroad programs in the United Kingdom and France. Cameron will draw on these experiences with undergraduate education in his new role as Director of Undergraduate Studies for our Department.



Cameron Thies

alumni bios



Matt Wise

Is a political science degree from Iowa good preparation for the competitive world of online marketing? “Absolutely,” says entrepreneur Matt Wise (B.A. '93), the President and CEO of Q Interactive. Political science, according to Matt, helped him understand how people make

decisions and how to influence those decisions, information he uses everyday at his online advertising firm. Under his leadership, Q Interactive has quickly become an industry leader in online marketing, providing services to more than 1,500 companies around the globe. The Chicago-based firm pioneered a targeting engine that combines demographic, behavioral, and transactional data to improve the productivity of online advertising. Prior to joining Q Interactive, Matt was a Senior Vice-President at Draft, the largest direct marketing agency in the country. In addition to his political science degree he has an M.B.A. from DePaul University.



Patrick Kenney

Most of our alums have a B.A. or B.S. degree and some have an M.A. or Ph.D. degree. Patrick Kenney is one of the few with three degrees! He earned his B.A. in 1978, his M.A.P.A. (Master of Arts in Public Administration – this program was discontinued in 1988) in 1979, and his Ph.D. in

1983. After receiving his doctorate, Pat taught political science at Monmouth College in Illinois and Wichita State University. In 1986 he joined the faculty at Arizona State University and he has served as chair of the Department of Political Science at ASU since 2002. He is a nationally recognized scholar studying American elections, and his research has been published by Princeton University Press, Prentice Hall, and many of the leading political science journals. His most recent work has been on the impact of negative campaign advertising. A Cedar Rapids native, Pat returns to Iowa often to visit family and friends.



Jaclyn (Schmitt) Hermes

Jaclyn (Schmitt) Hermes (B.A. '00; J.D. '03) has been very busy since earning her B.A. degree eight years ago. She immediately started law school here at Iowa, where she presented oral arguments before the Iowa Supreme Court, won “Best Advocate” for the school’s moot court

competition, and served as an editor for the Writing Resource Center. After graduating with High Honors, she went to work for the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in Texas. Currently a Senior Associate with the firm, Jaclyn specializes in labor and employment law. She represents employers in federal and state court and before administrative agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Texas Workforce Commission. In addition to her active litigation docket, she regularly writes for legal publications and speaks at law conventions.



Jody Daniel Newman

International telecommunications entrepreneur is probably not the first career that comes to mind when thinking about a political science degree, but Jody Daniel Newman (M.A. '87) is proof that it happens. Jody, who has more than 20 years of experience in international business,

is currently President and CEO of the Ibox Group, a global firm specializing in management and business advisory services for clients in the internet, telecommunications, and technology sectors. Prior to founding the Ibox Group five years ago, he held several executive positions in Equant, a major international communications company. He has also been a Senior Legal Advisor with Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques (SITA) in Montréal, Québec and an attorney with the international law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. In addition to his M.A. degree from our Department, he has a B.A. in liberal studies and a J.D., also from Iowa.



Nancy Leonard

Nancy Leonard (B.A. '66), like many of our graduates, headed to Washington, D.C., after earning her degree. She first worked for Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen and then the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. When she married Navy Lieutenant

Tim Leonard, they soon moved to his home state of Oklahoma where he practiced law and served in the state legislature (he is now a U.S. District Court Judge). Nancy focused on raising three children and volunteering, but she also photographed and interviewed western Oklahoma pioneers, resulting in the book *Images of the Past: No Man's Land*. From 1993 to 2006 she served as Executive Director of Leadership Oklahoma, an educational, issue-oriented program for state leaders. In 2007 she was elected Vice Chairperson of Oklahoma's Centennial Commission and was in charge of event planning. Most recently, she started The Oklahoma Experience, LLC, a company that promotes the state.



Ron Langston

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) has a budget of more than \$1 billion annually to provide contract awards and monetary packages for minority businesses. At its helm is Ron Langston (B.A. '74), the National Director of MBDA. Appointed by President Bush

in 2001, he is credited with giving the agency an entrepreneurial focus that has improved its ability to assist new and existing minority businesses. Ron's private sector experience includes serving as Vice President of Administration and Organizational Management for EMCO Enterprises, Director of National Markets for Principal Financial Group, and Vice President of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation. In the public sector, he has served in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as a Legislative Assistant to former U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen. He has long been active in Iowa Republican politics and has run for the Iowa Senate.



William E. Hamm

William E. Hamm (M.A. '75) is once again a college president, this time as interim president of his undergraduate alma mater, Wartburg College, in Waverly, Iowa. Previously, he served for 13 years as president of Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. More recently, he was the

president of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) in Washington, D.C., a national network of 34 state and regional associations of private colleges and universities with 650 member institutions. The FIHE network develops resources for private colleges and works to engage institutions in collaborative endeavors. One recent FIHE initiative is First Opportunity Partners, which assists colleges broaden access and improve success for first-generation, low-income, minority and new American students. Hamm has served other institutions in Alabama and California, and he has chaired a variety of state and national boards, such as the Iowa Humanities Board and the Council of College Presidents of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Omar Isaacs

Omar Isaacs (B.A. '05) traveled all of the way from his native Bahamas to go to school at Iowa. Now he is back home working as a Public Relations and Communications Officer for the Ministry of Tourism and he invites all of us to travel to the Bahamas. With winter on its way

this sounds like a pretty good idea! Omar was recruited to Iowa to be a sprinter on the track team and he was a letter winner in 2003, 2004, and 2005. At the 2004 Iowa Open he won the 60 meters competition with a time of 6.90, which ranks sixth on Iowa's all-time best performance list. In his position with the Ministry of Tourism, he is responsible for promoting Grand Bahama Island, one of the top vacation spots in the Caribbean. He edits the Island's website and works with local businesses to compile and distribute public relations material. This is an important job in a nation that depends on tourism for 50 percent of its gross domestic product.

Traveling, researching, writing—a new paradigm for retirement?

Retirement does not mean that I have stopped working,” said Joel Barkan when contacted for this story. “Rather it means that I set my own agenda, and try to limit work to what I consider fun.”



Joel Barkan

After “retiring” in 2005, Joel has been a visiting fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy, taught at Princeton University, and become a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a Washington think tank. He divides his time between his academic research and writing, consulting, and being a commentator on African politics and U.S. efforts to promote democracy abroad. He also continues to consult periodically at the World Bank, the U.S. Department of State, and several other government agencies and NGOs.

Joel has recently published articles in the *American Journal of Political Science* and the *Journal of Democracy* and is presently completing an edited book on legislative institutions in emerging African

democracies. He is also a co-Principal Investigator for the Africa Legislative Project (ALP), a comparative study of the national legislatures in eighteen African countries. ALP is based at the University of Cape Town, which takes Joel to South Africa twice a year. ALP has received major grants from the DfID, the British aid organization, and the World Bank. Joel expects that the project will keep him busy for the next three to four years. “This will probably be my last big research effort,” he explained.

This past December, Joel served as a member of the small U.S. delegation that observed the Kenyan elections. In the wake of the violence that followed the disputed election, he gave nearly 50 presentations and interviews on the crisis in Kenya, including multiple appearances on *The Newshow with Jim Lehrer*, BBC, CNN International, Al Jazeera and NPR. He also testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave lectures at Johns Hopkins and Cornell, and wrote several articles about the election, including pieces for *Current History* and *Foreign Affairs*.

Jerry Loewenberg’s interest in political science and in our Department has not diminished since his retirement five years ago. Freed from most administrative and committee assignments, he has been able to focus on his life-long interest in the discipline of political science.

He has continued to serve as director of the Comparative Legislative Research Center, participating in the publication of its international journal, the *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. He writes an introduction to each issue, which relates the articles it contains to the general field of legislative studies. Jerry notes, “Because I spend most days in an office next door to the Center, I enjoy continuing contact with my colleagues in the Department.”

When Jerry retired in 2003 he volunteered to teach courses in the field when and if the Department needed them. As a result he has taught one or two courses every year both at the graduate and undergraduate levels. He has also directed

a doctoral dissertation, served on several dissertation committees, and co-authored research articles with graduate students.

Jerry has a sustained interest in comparative legislative research. Since retiring he has published articles on agenda setting in the German parliament, on the relationship between parliamentary committees and executive departments, and comparing legislative hearings in the United States and Germany. He continues to attend professional meetings and research conferences, and has written some general articles on political science and on legislatures, coming out of the perspective he has acquired through his professional life.

Retirement offers faculty members many new opportunities. Jerry states, “For me it is a chance to pursue the subject that has always fascinated me without all of the distractions of a regular faculty member. So I am enjoying emeritus status as much as any of the previous ranks I have held on the faculty at Iowa.”



Gerhard Loewenberg



Looking forward



As a teacher, I always felt that I owed it to students to avoid, insofar as possible, either boring them or lying to them. I have been reluctant to talk about my retirement, since I imagine that I will have to break one or the other of these rules. Nonetheless, Tom

Rice insists that I try. (For those of you who paid attention in your classes, you will recognize this displacement of responsibility as Presidential in its sweep. For those of you who did not, I fear that a tuition refund is out of the question.)

Some foreign travel is good, a lot is better. So assuming that neither the dollar nor the airline industry can fall any further, I expect retirement to find me as often as not in an enoteca (look it up, it is the last important thing that I can teach anyone). What I will do while at home is complicated by the fact that I don’t know where that will be. As recent graduates will know, I have spent spring breaks over the past several years visiting potential retirement destinations. Although I have now figured out that over eighty percent of the country would most likely get along fine without me, that still leaves a lot of America to explore. Do, if you are so inclined, email me your favorite American city. I am quite open to different possibilities so long as the climate is mild, a University near to hand, gourmands a dime a dozen, and the politics a nice shade of blue.

I have spent my adult life in the company of people such as Thomas Hobbes and J. S. Mill. Indeed, I find it difficult to imagine my life without them nearby. So I will continue to read and write, since that is the only plausible way in which one can communicate with the dead.

Believing that I am not yet too old to lead a life of virtue, I will play a lot of golf. It is – as all you weekend hackers know – the one sure path to humility. But then again one can always retire from the game. But, for now, I propose to take my retirements one at a time.



Alfonso Damico

IN MEMORIAM Arthur Miller

Arthur Miller, 66, professor of political science, died in Iowa City on August 19, 2008. Professor Miller was born April 24, 1942, in Little Falls, Minnesota. He received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1965 and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1971. He taught at the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago before joining the Department of Political Science at Iowa in 1985. While at Iowa, he served as Director of the Iowa Social Science Institute from 1986 to 2001 and Director of the International Evaluation Project from 2001 to 2007.

A noted scholar of political behavior, Professor Miller authored and co-authored more than 100 professional journal articles and many books and book chapters. Several of his research projects were funded by the National Science Foundation.

Professor Miller is survived by his wife, Natasha Ivanova of Iowa City; four children, Bret Miller of Michigan, Maija Rowland of Michigan, Marcus Miller of Iowa and Lucas Miller of Iowa; six siblings, Maryann McDougal, Robert Miller Jr., and Ronald Miller, all of Minnesota, James Miller of Missouri, Joel Miller of Arizona and David Miller of North Carolina; and a grandson, Randy Corey.

honors & awards



Benjamin Knoll

Outstanding teaching assistant awards

The University of Iowa Council on Teaching selected two of our graduate students, Benjamin Knoll and Brian DiSarro, as recipients of an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for 2007-08. They were honored at a banquet on May 9 and received a \$1000 prize. Congratulations Ben and Brian!



Brian DiSarro

More undergraduate awards



In April, The University of Iowa honored outstanding students at the 91st anniversary Finkbine Dinner for Representative Student Leaders, one of the University's most prestigious award ceremonies. Two political science students were awarded the Hancher-Finkbine Undergraduate

Student Medallion: **Barrett Anderson**, from Clive, Iowa, who majored in political science and economics, and **Meredith DeBoom**, from Sibley, Iowa, who is majoring in political science and international studies.

Also in April, the University of Iowa Honors Program held their annual scholarship ceremony. Several political science majors received Rhodes Dunlap awards: **Elizabeth Weyer**, **Virginia McCalmont**, **Robert Pick**, **Louis Sloven**, **Clay Baker**, **Barrett Anderson**, and **Meredith DeBoom**. Meredith also received the James D. Robertson Scholarship. **Jacqueline Leonard** received the Collegiate Scholar Award.

Many other political science students were also award winners this year, including **Amanda Lengsouthisong**, who received The Dean Scholarship, a merit scholarship for students who plan to study abroad, **Courtney Wilcox**, who received the Mary Goodykoontz Barnes Scholarship from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, **Aly Dolan**, who received the Shafter Family Trust Scholarship, the Gordon B. Strayer Scholarship, and the Cogner-Reynolds Scholarship, and **Andrew Henning**, who received the Dewey Stuit Award and a Stanley Foundation Research Fellowship.



From left to right (bottom row): Elizabeth Ruble, Abigail Bartine, and Dana Merrick. (top row) Stephanie Crowley, Mandie Vetter, Katherine Morrison, Kate Rose Evans, Nicholas Compton, and Colin Smith.

Annual departmental scholarship award winners

Generations of donors have helped create several awards to honor and support our very best students. This year's undergraduate awards reception was held in April to honor our scholarship winners.

2008-2009

Donald Johnson Fellow: **Meredith DeBoom**

Donald Johnson Scholar: **Nicholas Compton**

Vernon & Georgia Bender Scholar: **McKenzie Hill**

Joseph Domke Memorial Scholar: **Holly Gutman**

James & Patti Murray Scholar: **Katherine Morrison**

2007-2008

Helen Fairall Scholars: **Colin C. Smith** and **Kate Rose Evans**

Laurence Fairall Scholars: **Elizabeth Stoycheff**, **Abigail M. Bartine**, **Dana M. Merrick**, and **Mandie Vetter**

In addition, some of our graduate students were selected as 2007-2008 Laurence Fairall Scholars: **Benjamin Darr**, **Holley Hansen**, and **Jill Wittrock**. **Daniel Bowen** was selected as the 2007-2008 Helen Fairall Scholar.

Award winner Meredith DeBoom



Meredith DeBoom, a double major in political science and international studies, received two prestigious national awards this year, a Truman Scholarship and a Udall Scholarship. The Truman award provides financial assistance for graduate study and the Udall award provides undergraduate tuition assistance. Meredith was also the winner of our own Donald B. Johnson Scholarship this past year. Born and raised on a farm outside Sibley, Iowa, Meredith is interested in international energy policy. She has studied abroad in Russia and South Africa, and she has served as an intern with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. Here on campus, she has been a three-term student government senator, an undergraduate teaching assistant, a founding member of a student community service organization, a sorority president, and she is our 2008 University of Iowa Homecoming Queen.

Excellence in teaching

Tom Rice and Cary Covington received the inaugural Lane Davis Award for Honors Team Teaching in recognition of their pioneering work with the Iowa Policy Research Organization. Tom also received the Student Award for Outstanding Honors Teaching. Both awards were presented at the annual Honors Recognition Ceremony in April.

John Conybeare and Brian Lai received the 2008 International Studies Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award in May. They were honored for their commitment to working individually with International Studies students.



Graduate students abroad



Gail Buttorff received an ACOR-CAORC Fellowship for spring 2008. She will be in Jordan collecting data for a project on election boycotts in that country. Jill Wittrock is spending the academic year as a research administrator at the University of Oxford's Department of Politics and

International Relations. She is part of a project team that is creating a comprehensive database of European politics. She will also tutor and be a part-time lecturer with Nuffield College at Oxford, teaching comparative government, European politics, research methods, and experimental methodology. Ben Darr was in China this past summer. He was a student in the Critical Language Scholars intensive language summer program offered through the State Department.

Political Science Ph.D. job candidates

We are very pleased to report that five of our Ph.D. students enjoyed success in the fall 2008 academic job market. Brian DiSarro accepted a tenure-track position at California State University - Sacramento. He will teach undergraduate courses in American politics, state politics, and gay and lesbian politics. He also will teach graduate courses in state politics and supervise student internships with the California Legislature. Karleen Jones accepted a tenure-track position at West Virginia University. She will teach courses in comparative politics and Latin American politics. Hoon Lee accepted a tenure-track position from Texas Tech University. He will teach courses in international politics. Howard Sanborn accepted a tenure-track position at the Virginia Military Institute, which is near his undergraduate institution, Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Sanborn will teach courses in Comparative Politics. Jill Wittrock will teach a variety of courses including comparative government, European politics, research methods, and experimental methodology for Nuffield College at Oxford, England.

Notable visitors to the Department



The academic year brings a steady stream of prominent visitors to the Department to give lectures and meet with faculty and students. Last year was especially busy, with over a dozen people coming to campus. We are fortunate to have the endowed Bose Lecture Fund to help with these visits.

Additional money sometimes comes from the Provost, Dean, and the Political Science Development Fund. Below we feature two of our visitors and list many of the others.

Bonior Visits the Department

The Department enjoyed a visit from alum David Bonior (B.A. '67) this April. Bonior, a native of Michigan, was a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1977 to 2003 and served as the Democratic Party whip in the House from 1991 to 2003. Since leaving Congress, he has been the Chair of the Board of the American Rights at Work, a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of workers and their families. Last year, he took a leave from this position to serve as the National Director of the John Edwards presidential campaign.

While on campus, Bonior guest lectured in two classes, spoke to the faculty and graduate students on "The 'New' New Deal: Roosevelt Revisited," and met individually and in small groups with faculty members and students. He also met with Linda Maxson, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and with University President, Sally Mason. A special part of his visit was a "red carpet" tour of the Hawkeye football facilities and a meeting with Coach Kirk Ferentz and Athletic Director Gary Barta. Bonior came to Iowa to play football and was a backup quarterback. The Department has had Bonior back this fall for a week of teaching on the 2008 election ... and to see the Hawks play Purdue!

Strom Visits the Department

Professor Kaare Strøm from the Department of Political Science at the University of California-San Diego visited the Department as a Bose lecturer in early May. Strøm's primary area of expertise is coalition government in Europe. His work looks at the reasons why governments form, why they fail, and what explains how long they last. He has authored, co-authored and edited several books and many journal articles and book chapters on these questions. During his visit, Strøm gave a talk to the Department entitled "Coalition Agreements and the Costs of Multiparty Politics." He also met with graduate students to discuss his new work on power sharing institutions in conflictual societies.

Selection of Other Lectures

Joe Crowley (B.A. '59), past President of the University of Nevada at Reno and past President of the NCAA, lecture title: "The Politics of Being a University President."

David Cunningham, Iowa State University, lecture title: "Studying Civil War as a Dyadic Process."

James Kuklinski (Ph.D. '75), University of Illinois, lecture title: "Building Self Selection into Experimental Design."

Richard Lau, Rutgers University, lecture title: "The Effects of Negative Political Campaigns."

John Patty, Harvard University, lecture title: "Equilibrium Party Government."

Maggie Penn, Harvard University, lecture title: "Citizenship versus Ethnicity."

Corwin Smidt (Ph.D. '75), Calvin College, lecture title: "Determinants of Attitudes toward the Role of Religion in Public Life."

Daniel Smith, University of Florida, lecture title: "Granting Power to the People: The Adoption of Direct Democracy in the American States."

Many of our faculty members are regularly invited to give lectures at other institutions. Last year they spoke at dozens of institutions across the nation and around the world. Here is just a sample of locations.

Princeton University
University of Arizona
Bad Urach, Germany
Pennsylvania State University
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Milan, Italy
Stanford University
University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University
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The Department has two funds to honor Donald B. Johnson who served on the Iowa Political Science faculty from 1951 to 1981.

The Donald B. Johnson Development Fund is to be used to support the education of Iowa students in those areas that Professor Johnson made the central concerns of his professional life: practical politics, civic engagement, and public service. In this mission, allocations from the Fund will be made at the discretion of the Chair of the Department of Political Science.

The Donald B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund provides for two undergraduate scholarships each year:

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James and Patti Murray Fund

The fund was created in memory of James N. Murray, who was on the faculty of the Department of Political Science from 1954 to his death in 1985, and his wife Patti, who was a great friend of the Department until her death. He taught in the area of international politics (arms control, the United Nations, nuclear strategy, war and peace) and was a popular teacher—a very engaging lecturer with a great deal of wit. An annual scholarship is given to a senior undergraduate Political Science major. The award is based on academic performance, participation and leadership in political and civic activities at the University of Iowa, and other activities that demonstrate a commitment to democratic values.

Gerhard Loewenberg Political Research Fund

The fund was created to honor Professor Gerhard Loewenberg at his retirement in May, 2003. Jerry 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. Funds are to provide support for faculty and students conducting research in political science at the discretion of the Department chair. Potential uses include, but are not limited to, travel, research oriented software and guest speakers or lecturers.

Sudhindra Bose Library Fund

The fund was created by Mrs. Anna Z. Bose in honor of her husband, Sudhindra Bose who died in 1946. He was born near Dacca, Bangladesh in 1883. 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 on Asian and Far Eastern politics civilization. The fund was used to endow a departmental library in the name of Dr. Bose and continues to support the purchase of books and journals. The funds, at the discretion of the Department chair, also provide support for guest lecturers through the Sudhindra Bose Lecture Series, and provide research and educational support to the faculty of the Department of Political Science.

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