UI Political Science Website

To visit the department’s website: www.polisci.uiowa.edu.

It provides a convenient clearinghouse for information about the department, its students and alumni. And we want to hear from you: about the website, yourself, and current events. We look forward to receiving e-mail from alumni at polisci@uiowa.edu.

Welcome to the 2010 Pigpolarm. Take a few minutes to run through it and see what is happening in the Department of Political Science here at Iowa. I think you will be impressed, too.

We introduce our new faculty members, one of whom is doing some groundbreaking research in the political behavior and methodology. We tell you about a variety of interesting faculty and student activities, including an initiative to expand our undergraduate courses. And we spotlight several of our successful alumni. Perhaps the most important news is the formation of our Political Science Advisory Board, a group of alumni and friends committed to assisting the department stand out in instruction, research, and community service. Their help is especially welcome in these times of budget cuts and rising tuition.

And so, too, we would like to help the department, please consider making a financial gift today. Or you would like to offer your assistance in other ways, including board memberships, please contact me. I am always happy to talk with alumni about how we can help us make a better department. We have never had a more interesting year than the right one.

Tom Rice
Professor and Chair
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New Department Advisory Board

E ach year, we as a department have been recognizing our donors, friends, and alumni, both old and new, at our annual Pigpolarm. This event is especially precious to us, our students, best idea has to do with making our department a better place. We know of course that we could go on about the wonderful things that we have accomplished, the continued ties to our alumni and friends, the initiatives that are on the horizon. We would like to keep on bringing these stories to fruition last spring, when a newly formed Department Advisory Board held its inaugural meeting.

The board consists of our alumni and friends whose contributions show our commitment to the Department of Political Science. Our purpose is to ensure that all of our alumni and friends have an ongoing connection with our department.

We want to keep you informed about our department. Our Department Advisory Board is a group of alumni and friends who have volunteered to serve this department. They are taking time out of busy schedules to help improve our teaching, scholarship, and service. If you are interested in board service or in helping the department, please contact us. If you have questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact us.
Shambaugh Conferences

The Hawkeye Poll has grown from an idea of nearly 30 students, 10 faculty members and 500 telephone conversations to a successful organization that now has a budget of nearly $350,000. In the 2008-2009 academic year, 17 research projects were conducted.

Jewel Prestige Returns to Campus

For the past two decades, the Jewel Prestige Foundation has supported a variety of student and faculty research. The foundation, which was created in honor of Jewel Prestage (Ph.D. '54), has continued to give the university opportunities to engage in a variety of community research efforts.

Graduate Student Scholarships

The Department of Political Science uses a variety of scholarship funds to support students in graduate study. These scholarship funds are supported by the university, political science faculty and alumni, or private donors. In addition, the departmental Undergraduate Departmental Awards are given to students who have completed the degree and are enrolled in the following undergraduate courses:

- Journeys in World Politics Workshop
- Historical Research and Writing Workshop
- International Politics Workshop
- Political Science Seminar
- The Rhetorical Presidency

The department also participates in the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other federal and private foundations.

The Department Goes the "Distance"

For the past two decades, the department has been a leader in the development and implementation of distance education, including online courses and traditional classes. The department has received numerous grants and awards for its distance education programs, including the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other federal and private foundations.

New faculty

W e are pleased to announce the following new faculty members to our department. They bring to our college a range of diverse research interests and perspectives that will enrich the teaching and learning environment for our students.

- Peter S. Hofferth, Ph.D. (Wash. & Lee): A sociologist who specializes in political science, Hofferth has been recognized for his work on political behavior and public opinion. He is currently a professor of political science at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Graduate Student Awards

- The department's annual Undergraduate Awards Reception in early May will honor the following 2009-2010 graduate award winners:

  - Graduate Student Award: Joseph Domke
  - Third House Scholar: Stacia Johns
  - Vernon & Georgia Bender Scholar: Brian Buh
  - Elizabeth Weyer was awarded the Alexander Kern Scholarship. Christopher Page also was named a 2009 Udall Scholar. Michael Pelc, and Christopher Page received the Rhodes Dunlap Sophomore Scholarship. Michael Appel and Sarah Raaii received Collegiate Achievement Awards. Elizabeth Weyer was awarded the Alexander Kern Scholarship. Christopher Page also was named a 2009 Udall Scholar. Michael Pelc, and Christopher Page received the Rhodes Dunlap Sophomore Scholarship. Michael Appel and Sarah Raaii received Collegiate Achievement Awards.

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