



We the People

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2004 PROVES TO BE A BUSY YEAR FOR TWO PROFESSORS

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This election year has kept both Professor Thomas Holbrook and Professor Kathleen Dolan on their toes.

Professor Holbrook, specializing in American voting behavior and elections, has participated in many media interviews. Some of the news organization who have sought him out include the Associated Press, USA today, the Orlando Sentinel, Reuters, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Chicago Tribune, Agence Francais Presses in France, La Reforma in Mexico, and Pravda C Russian. He was also interviewed for a live television broadcast for the Canadian Broadcasting Company. So why are so many organizations so adamant on seeking his expertise? Professor Holbrook has developed a mathematical formula on predicting the outcome on U.S. presidential elections. In August, Professor Holbrook predicted, for the 2004 presidential election, that Bush would win with 54.5% of the two-party vote. Most election forecasters use the state of the economy as a basis for prediction. However, since 2000, Professor Holbrook revised his formula by “weighting the aggregated personal finances measure by the tone of economic news”. In other words, he takes into account not just how people are doing financially but also what type of news they’re hearing about the economy.

Professor Dolan, whose one of many specialties is elections and voting behavior has participated in many media interviews. In October, she repeatedly met with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to discuss the 4th district congressional race, youth voting patterns, women voters and the gender gap, and the impact of the New Voters Project. She also appeared on Wisconsin Public Radios to talk about voting and elections, and again to discuss the presidential election. This segment appeared later on National Public Radio’s “Morning Edition” program. She spoke with reporters from the Madison Capital Times, Bloomberg News, and the Washington Post. She was listed as an expert on women and voting on the American Political Science Association’s directory of press contacts, a resource for reporters working on stories about the 2004 election.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Howard Handelman

The department is pleased to welcome two new faculty members to its ranks. Erin Kaheny recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina and will help us meet student demand for more courses in public law. John Bohte (Ph.D. Texas A&M) comes to us from Oakland University and will contribute to our public administration and American politics instruction. This Fall, Political Science is one of the few departments in Letters and Science to receive authorization to recruit for an additional faculty line. We are looking for a specialist in the politics of advanced industrial societies and have already received a large number of applications from strong candidates.

The past few months have been very productive for our graduate program. In August Tatyana Karaman and Maria Spirova defended their dissertations and received their PhD degrees. Maria is teaching at Gettysburg College (PA) this year and Tatyana is teaching for our department. We also had an excellent entering class of new MA and PhD students. With an interesting election year, our undergraduate courses filled to capacity, and strong graduate enrollments, we are looking forward to our part in UWM's upcoming accreditation review.



Tatyana after defending her dissertation



Maria after defending her dissertation

THE NEW CLASS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS

PhD

Justin Clardie
Craig Frizzell
Nathan Grasse
Brianna Heidbreder

MA

Peter Finn
Lorien Hatch
Justin Kaminski
Natasha Kostich
Heather Roff
Andrea Schreiber
Sanghomitra Sen
April Zutz

Welcome Everyone!

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Professor Douglas Ihrke was married to Emily Tymus on September 5th, 2004.

Congratulations Doug!



THREE POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS INITIATED INTO PHI BETA KAPPA

As of April 25, 2004, undergraduates **Kathryn Kilsdonk**, **Daniel Phillips**, and graduate student **Andrea Schreiber** are the new student members of Phi Beta Kappa. The Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society recognizes and encourages academic excellence in the liberal studies. Juniors who earn at least a 3.8 gpa and seniors a 3.6 gpa are eligible to join. Congratulations Kathryn, Daniel, and Andrea!

NEWSMAKERS



CHRISTINA EWIG: Over the summer of 2004 Assistant Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies, Christina Ewig, spent two months in Mexico City investigating health sector reforms in Mexico and their implications for gender equity. Her work included interviews with policy makers and leaders in civil society, discussions with an array of Mexican scholars, and visits to two rural and one urban health centers including observation and interviews with staff and community members. In Mexico City, she was affiliated with the department of public health at the Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM) where she presented preliminary findings from her research. This research in Mexico is one component of a multi-country study that Professor Ewig is conducting on gender and neoliberal health sector reforms in Latin America.



ERIC BROWNE is now in Hungary as the John Marshall Chair in Political Science for Distinguished Lecturing. He was selected by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars and the Fulbright Commission in Hungary. He is in Hungary for the 2004-2005 academic year.



JOHN BIBBY's essay, 'Political Parties in the United States,' was included in *United States Elections 2004*, in U.S. Department of State publication which is distributed by American embassies around the world. This is the third presidential election cycle in which Bibby

has contributed to the department's election-year publication."

—*UWM Report, June 2004*



TERRY NARDIN spent six weeks this past summer at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He taught a graduate seminar on international relations theory and gave two public lectures on religion, ethics, and international affairs in the aftermath of 9/11.

TERRY NARDIN is working with historian Luke O'Sullivan on an edition of Michael Oakeshott's lectures on the history of political thought, thirty in all, based on manuscripts in the archives of the London School of Economics. The lectures, which Oakeshott delivered annually at the school London School of Economics until 1967, were famous in their time but have never been published. Scheduled publication date: January 2006.



RONALD E. WEBER, the Wilder Crane Professor of Government in the Department of Political Science, was on leave during the Spring of 2004 serving as the Uppsala Distinguished Chair in American Studies at Uppsala University, Sweden. This chair is supported by the U.S. Fulbright Program and the Swedish Fulbright Commission. His affiliations at Uppsala University were with the Swedish Institute for North American Studies (SINAS) and the Department of English (co-host) as well as the Department of Government. There he taught courses on American politics for the American Studies Program and on Com-

parative politics for the Department of Government. While there he gave two public lectures to the University community. The first was titled "Choosing the U.S. President in 2004: Candidates, Strategies, and Issues", while the second was the Annual Fulbright Lecture titled "Can the 2004 Elections Change Who Really Governs the United States? Electoral Reform, Special Interests, and the Washington Establishment".

RONALD E. WEBER of the Department of Political Science participated in an international conference from April 22-23 at Catholic University in Lublin, Poland, on U.S. Politics Since 9/11/2001. At the conference he presented a paper titled *AU.S. Domestic Politics Post 9/11/2001 @*.

RONALD E. WEBER of the Department of Political Science participated in an international conference from May 4-5 at the Copenhagen Business School in Copenhagen, Denmark, on "U. S. Elections 2004: Personalities, Policies, and Perspectives" sponsored by the Centre for the Study of the Americas at the Copenhagen Business School and the American Embassy, Copenhagen. At the conference he served as a discussant for a paper on "Congress and the 2004 Presidential Election @ and made a roundtable presentation on *A2004*"Prospects for the Election @.

RONALD E. WEBER of the Department of Political Science is organizing an international conference on "Sub-State/ Sub-National Legislatures: Representation, Policy-Making, and Governance" to be held Oct. 21-23 at the National School of Public Administration in Quebec City, Canada. The conference is sponsored by the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists of the International Political Science Association. He is a member of the executive committee of Research Committee of Legislative Specialists. About 30 scholars from around the world will be presenting papers at the conference.

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MORDECAI LEE published "A Public Relations Program Even Congress Could Love: Federal Information Centers," *Public Relations Review* 30:1 (March 2004) 61-73.

MORDECAI LEE published "What Does Hollywood Think Nonprofit CEOs Do All Day? Screen Depictions of NGO Management," *Public Organization Review* 4:2 (June 2004) 157-76.

MORDECAI LEE presented a paper "Scientific Management Goes to Washington: The United States Bureau of Efficiency, 1916-33" at the 65th annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration, March 27-30, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

MORDECAI LEE during the summer conducted archival research in Chicago, Toledo, Madison and Milwaukee for a paper on "What Difference Does a Sector Make? Comparing Nonprofit and Governmental Bureaus of Efficiency in Early 20th Century Midwestern Cities." Funded by a faculty research grant from the Knowledge Management initiative (run by Steve Percy) of UWM's Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management.

Interested in Studying Political Science?

Are you interested in American politics International affairs? Far-reaching issues such as health, the environment and civil rights? If you want to study these subjects and pursue a career based on them, political science may be the major for you.

Political Science is the study of how people seek to govern themselves and make decisions to manage to solve their common societal problems. The field seeks to describe the nature of governing systems, comprehend their structures and purposes, and understand how decisions are made within these systems.

The field includes the study of the political behavior of individuals and groups in governmental and nongovernmental arenas such as organizations and schools. Topics studied include voting, running for office, campaign funding, governmental service, and partisan political activity — anything that involves governmental and public policy at any level.

For more information about Political Science at UW-M, please refer to our website listed below.

ALUMNI NEWS

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