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Greetings from the New Chair



The new academic year brought a few changes in CSU Political Science.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Bill Chaloupka, PhD Hawaii 1980, and I'm the new chair. I came to CSU after 20 years at The University

of Montana, Missoula, where I taught Political Science until moving to the Environmental Studies Program six years ago. I came to CSU because it's a lively department with real opportunities to succeed at its mission, and maybe even to grow and prosper. The department has a great story to tell, and we wanted to get a newsletter out to start telling it.

Since I have been teaching in an interdisciplinary program (and before that, in a small program with a broad mission), I probably have more academic interests than many of my peers. My primary training was as a political theorist, and environmental political theory has been a central interest for many years. I have also taught environmental policy courses; the department is strong in that area, and I will likely spend more time on political theory, where we are not as deep. Working with students in an interdisciplinary program has prepared me well to participate in graduate student committees, which involve a wide variety of topics in our department.

Our primary purpose in publishing **PoliGRAM** is to renew our efforts to keep in touch with old friends. We invite you to send us your updates, for the next issue. We believe that CSU Political Science, over the decades, is a community, having shared any number of important values and experiences. Our alums help us tell our story; we value our memories and relationships, and we would love to hear from you.

Bill Chaloupka, Professor and Chair



Sue Ellen Charlton ... in Asia!

(Editor's note: We asked Prof. Charlton to reflect on her experience in Japan. She kindly agreed, and typed this note for us, literally on the plane flying back.)

Living and learning abroad is both intimidating and seductive. The trite sayings, "never a dull moment" or "never too old to learn" come alive—and so do I. Or at least that's what I said to myself in September 2002 when I looked out at my 20 Kansai Gaidai students, seemingly impassive, clearly expectant. These students had all spent a year studying abroad in Europe, Canada and the United States. Memories of my first study-abroad experience flooded back. I remembered the culture shock of going, the loneliness, but also the reverse culture shock of my return to the United States. Have these students experienced all of that, I wondered?

Slowly the personalities and names emerged from an undifferentiated group. The students were as varied as the places they had studied—Denmark, Belgium, England, Ontario, Canada. In the United States, other students had spent the year at schools in the regional hearts of America: Appalachian State, the Universities of Northern Iowa, Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Utah, Rhode Island and Alabama, Washington State and Ohio Wesleyan. Some of the students were extraordinarily hard-working, others were distracted by the daunting prospect of finding a job in a flat economy. But I learned from each of them: what they think

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The People of Political Science

Outstanding Junior & Senior



For 2001-2002, the Outstanding Junior (left) was Aaron Catbagan and the Outstanding Senior (right) was Paul Sampson.



Transitions

Retirement

Wayne Peak, long time faculty member and department chair for the last ten years, retired last June. Wayne still lives in Fort Collins, and reports that he is working on his cooking skills.

Bob Hoffert, long time faculty member, has announced that he will retire from his current position as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, in June. Bob will then teach philosophy classes in a transition to full retirement.

Deaths

Henry Caulfield, a long time faculty member, passed away in July, 2002.

Phillip Foss, a long time faculty member, passed away in October, 2001.

Bill Hervey, who taught in the department in recent years, passed away in December, 2001.

Faculty Notes

David Allen (Professor) was promoted to Professor this year and is in the first year of a two year term as chair of CSU's Faculty Council, the faculty governance entity for the entire campus.

Michele Betsill (Assistant Professor) received the annual dissertation awards of the Union of International Associations (corecipient), and of the Ecological and Transformational Politics section of the American Political Science Association. Dr. Betsill's dissertation studies the role of international environmental groups in the debate over climate change.

Kathryn Hochstetler (Associate Professor) is the Chair of the Latin American Studies Program at CSU for 2002-2003. She will spend the next academic year as a research fellow at the Centre for Brazil Studies at Oxford University in England.

Stephen Mumme (Professor) received the all-university Cermak Award for graduate advising in April 2002. Dr. Mumme gave the invited keynote lecture at the Environmental Protection Agency's 4th Border Institute, May 6th.

Dimitris Stevis (Professor) was promoted to Professor this year and is once again serving as Graduate Coordinator for the department, a post he has held for several years.

John Straayer (Professor), pictured below, will once again load up the vans and head to the Capitol in Denver, supervising the department's legislative internship program.



Undergraduate Alum Updates

1970s

William J. Leone (B.A., 1978) was appointed first assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado in October, 2001.

Robert Loftis (B.A., 1979) is the first CSU Political Science graduate to be promoted from the level of foreign service officer to the rank of Ambassador. He is presently assigned to Lesotho. Before that, he had appointments to embassies in New Zealand and Geneva, among other posts.

Thomas K. McQueen (B.A., 1971) is an attorney with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago.

Scott Nachtrieb (B.A., 1977) is Senior Fiscal Analyst for the Legislative Council of the General Assembly for the State of Colorado in Denver.

A.W. (Bill) Ritter, Jr. (B.A., 1978) is District Attorney for Denver (see story, page 5 of this issue).

Lt. Col. Bruce Robin Stoddard (B.A., 1977) recently completed a combat tour for the U.S. Air Force, in the "No Fly Zones" over Iraq.

1990s

Michael J. Dohr (B.A., 1994) is Staff Attorney in the Office of Legislative Legal Services for the Colorado General Assembly in Denver

Jenn Leach (B.A., 1999) is Legislative Liaison for the Colorado Association of Community Centered Boards, located in Denver.

Robert Stuart (B.A., 1995) earned an MA from Denver University and is now an Advisor on Technical Consulting Services for the Hach Company in Loveland, Colorado, working on water quality analysis and regulation.

Steve Truebner (B.A., 1998) is Assistant to Colorado's Governor, Bill Owens, in Denver.

Lt. Joe Urban (B.A., 1997) is serving in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army.

2000s

Emily (Atchison) Carr (B.A., 2000) and **Nate Carr** (B.A., 2001) both worked for county election committees in Colorado during the Fall 2002 election season.

Jason Casey (B.A., 2000) is a second year law student at Columbia University.

Alysia Cassotis (B.A., 2002) is applying for law school, to begin next year.

Kate Nofziger (B.A., 2002) will be married in January (becoming Kate Linden) and will move to Amsterdam to help start a new church. Her career goal remains in the national security area.

Allison Sherry (B.A., 2000) was editor of the *Collegian*, the CSU student paper as an undergrad. She is now a reporter for the *Denver Post*, where her byline has appeared on numerous important stories.

Jason Wolfe (B.A., 2000) is Assistant Program Manager for the Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation in Denver.

"We joke about CSU's logo tagline, 'knowledge to go places.' Sounds like a fast food franchise. But it has a point; our graduates go on to do good work, in no end of fascinating places."

**Professor Scott Moore,
Political Science
Undergraduate Coordinator**

Political Science Scholarships

This year, the department will award four undergraduate scholarships. Small cash awards accompany the Outstanding Junior and Senior awards (see page 2). Also this year, the department will award two Vloyantes Scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students. Although the cash value of each of these awards is pretty minor, considering the cost of education for today's students, we have found that the recognition and encouragement makes a difference. With the rapid growth of interest in the social sciences and humanities at CSU, we're getting terrific students and we're proud of them.

Your 15 minutes of fame!

We'd love to include your listing in the next **PoliGRAM**. Just send a note to Bill Chaloupka at williamc@colostate.edu or at Political Science, CSU, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

Graduate Alum Updates

1970s

Richard M. Hartman (M.A., 1975) is Special Representative to the President, Union Pacific Railroad, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

1980s

John Freemuth (Ph.D., 1986) is Senior Fellow at the Andrus Center for Public Policy and 2002 Carnegie Professor of the Year for Idaho, Boise State University.

Raymond Maier (B.A., 1974; M.A., 1981) is Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Leah Wilds Magennis (Ph.D., 1988) is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Nevada - Reno.

1990s

Leslie R. Alm (Ph.D., 1990) is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the Department of Public Policy & Administration, Boise State University.

Miles Burnett (Ph.D., 1998) is a policy analyst and legislative liaison at the Department of Toxic Substances, California EPA in Sacramento.

Brian Ellison (Ph.D., 1993) will be a Fulbright Fellow at Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria for the year.

Hans Bruyninckx (Ph.D., 1996) is on the Social Sciences faculty of Wageningen University in the Netherlands, studying International environmental politics. He visited Fort Collins in November, returning from a conference in Hawaii.

Georgia Carvalho (Ph.D., 1998) is a Research Associate at the Woods Hole Research Institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She has been co-principle investigator on grants from the Compton and Tinker Foundations.

Hsu Hsiang, Shu (Ph.D., 1994) is a visiting professor in our department this year, from Taiwan Institute of Technology, where he is president of the university.

Rick Kurtz (Ph.D., 1999) teaches public policy and environmental politics courses at Central Michigan University, where he also directs the internship program for the MPA degree and serves as a member of the university environmental studies council.

Denise Scheberle (Ph.D., 1991) was promoted to Professor at U Wisconsin at Green Bay in 2001 and now serves as an associate dean within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She is currently working on the second edition of her acclaimed book, *Federalism and Environmental Policy*.

Eric Shibuya (Ph.D., 1999) has been selected to be one of the 2002 Pacific Century Fellows as one of the "future leaders" of Hawaii. The fellowship is patterned after the White House Fellows and brings mid-career individuals into contact with leaders of business, government, and industry.

2000s

Meg Corwin (Ph.D., 2002) completed her dissertation this year and is serving as Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at The University of Montana, Missoula.

Bill Salka (Ph.D., 2000) is beginning his third year as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Eastern Connecticut State University, where he teaches environmental politics, a variety of American Government courses, and research methods.

"Our graduate program gives our students a great start in professional life. Even in a tight job market, we've placed nearly every one of our recent PhD's—and they're doing well."

**Professor Dimitris Stevis,
Political Science
Graduate Coordinator**

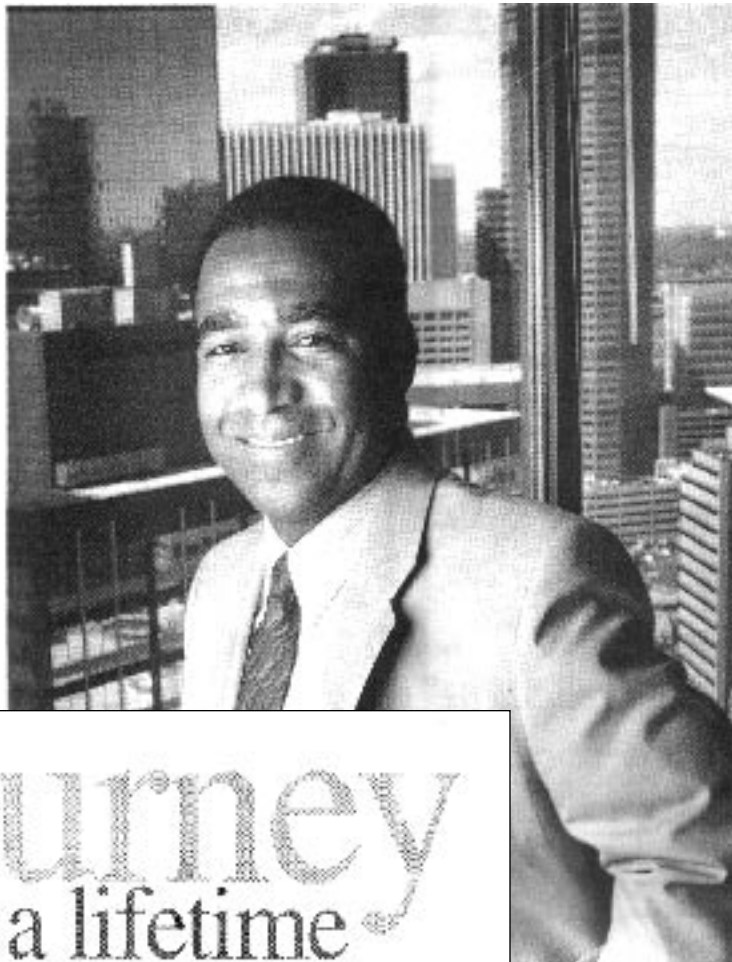
Western States Recognize Political Science PhD Program

The quality and specialization of the doctoral program was recognized this last year with our admission to the Western Regional Graduate Programs. This allows candidates from the 14 participating states to pay in-state tuition. For more information please visit <http://www.wiche.edu/SEP/WRGP/index.asp>

CSU Grad Makes Denver Mayor Run

True enough, Penfield Tate III, who graduated in 1974, was a sociology major. But he also took political science classes, and has sponsored our interns at the legislature. Plus, his career has definitely taken him in the political direction. So, when he started getting big news coverage, we took pride in that, especially since Political Science got a mention.

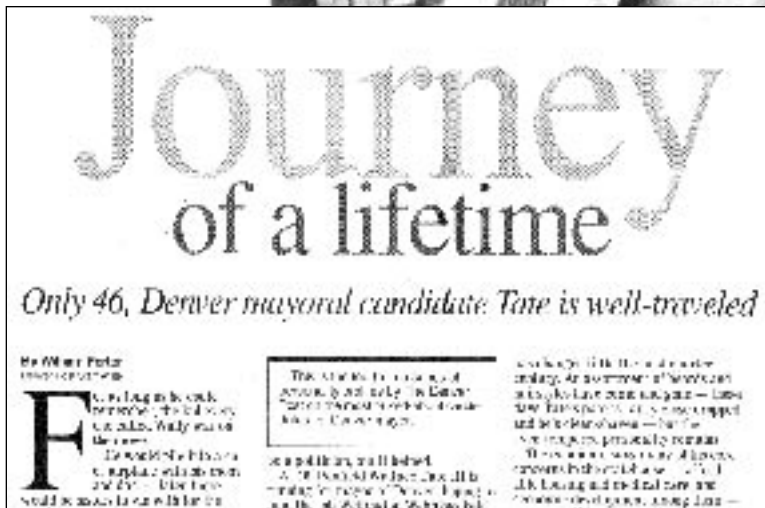
The Sunday L Section of the Denver Post for September 29 (see right, below) prominently featured Tate, who has been a member of the Colorado



General Assembly for six years, first as a Democrat in the house and now as a senator. He is an attorney and senior partner in the Denver law firm, Trimble, Tate and Nulan. And now he is running for mayor of Denver. Reporter William Porter's story included this:

"Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter has known Tate since the mid-1970s, when they [took political science courses] at Colorado State University. Although Ritter professes a public neutrality in the mayoral race, his fondness for Tate is up front. 'He's the same now as he was then,' Ritter says of the dorm-mate then known as 'Wally' to friends. 'He's smart and energetic.... It's been great to watch him develop.'"

We're especially proud of the many CSU grads who have pursued public careers, and we wish them all the best.



Visit Us on the Web

The department's web site is currently undergoing revision. We will have updates to news about alumni there, and hope to have a downloadable version of this newsletter, as a PDF file. Take a look at: <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/PoliSci/>

Current grad student wins teaching award

Martin Adamian, an ABD working on globalization and environmental justice, was recently announced as this year's recipient of the CSU College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award. Martin came to us after starting his career as a civil rights lawyer in Detroit. In addition to his teaching and dissertation work, he is also serving as a graduate research assistant, helping with the publication of the two academic journals coedited by department members. TA's in the department have long taken pride in their teaching. We're delighted to see one of them earn this recognition.

Charlton in Asia (from p. 1)

about their government (and ours), the kinds of part-time jobs they hold, their aspirations.

Universities grant sabbatical leaves for the purpose of keeping professors intellectually alive and excited. A sabbatical is a gift of time, an opportunity to explore. The connection that the Asian Studies Program at Colorado State has with Kansai Gaidai University made it possible for me to spend a semester learning and exploring the Kansai region, particularly Japan's favorite city, Kyoto. For all of this, and especially for my 20 Japanese students, I am grateful.

Thanks for your generous contributions!

With the help of many friends of the department, Political Science has established a good base for a scholarship program. Your contribution helps us support our students. More important, it offers encouragement and recognition for outstanding students.

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