Greetings and best wishes for a great spring. Many of us are being asked about politics in this tumultuous year. This year is reminding me a little of 1968, when deep political divisions seemed to be tearing the fabric of the nation. We recovered from that year, and as uncertain as things may seem now, we have a very durable political system.

We’re very happy that our new Bachelor’s degree in International Relations has gone through an initial approval from the College of Arts and Sciences, and we will be gearing up for the fall. We think this is add a new dimension to the department’s offerings and add to our enrollment.

Please put our alumni reunion on your calendar: Friday May 13th 5:30p-7:30p, at the Millennium Student Center on campus. Two of our alumni, Michael Kelley and John Hancock, will take the stage at the reunion and update us on politics in the inimitable style they bring to KMOX.

Dave

Publications


HEALTHCARE POLICY IN AFRICA
INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICS FROM COLONIALISM TO THE PRESENT

A comparative study of healthcare policy in Africa, the book explores the impact of historical institutions, multilateral organizations, and informal actors, such as, respectively, colonialism, the World Health Organization, and the Wathen辰plained biocultural approach to health. The book examines the role of international institutions and multilateral organizations that influence healthcare policy in Africa. The book includes cross-case studies of Botswana, Ghana, and Nigeria to highlight the influence of donors, political institutions, and other agencies on healthcare policy-making across the continent.

Jean-Germain Gros
U.M.S.L. Professor of Political Science & Public Policy Administration
and Fellow, International Studies & Programs
J. Martin Rochester latest book, The New Warfare: Rethinking Rules for An Unruly World, was just published by Routledge. John Vasquez of the University of Illinois, former president of the International Studies Association, has called it “the most important application of just war theory since 9/11” and “an essential book for our time.” Michael Glennon of Tufts University and former Legal Counsel to the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee has said “Backed by a treasure trove of research,” this is “an important study that should be read by international lawyers, international relations theorists, and policymakers.”

Media Engagements

12/31/2015 - Prof. Rochester wrote an op-ed, “Mizzou Madness,” in St. Louis Jewish Light

01/04/2016 - Prof. Jones was a guest on St. Louis Public Radio’s “St. Louis on the Air.” Topic: The 2016 Missouri General Assembly Session

01/11/2016 - Prof. Robertson was quoted in “Attacks question how Blunt, Kander conduct their offices,” St. Louis Public Radio http://news.stltpublicradio.org/post/attacks-question-how-blunt-kander-conduct-their-offices

01/20/2016 - Prof. Robertson commented on Governor Jay Nixon’s State of the State Address on St. Louis On the Air on St. Louis Public Radio http://news.stltpublicradio.org/post/trail-key-takeaways-nixons-final-state-state-speech

01/22/2016 - Prof. Robertson Dave Robertson was quoted in “Fast start for Missouri lawmakers this year”, St. Louis Public Radio http://news.stltpublicradio.org/post/fast-start-missouri-lawmakers-year

01/26/2016 - Prof. Jones was a Guest on St. Louis Public Radio’s “St. Louis on the Air.” Topic: Public Opinion in the United States

01/27/2016 - Prof. Robertson commented on current politics on KMOX

02/02/2016 - Prof. Rochester wrote an op-ed “Myopic Students, Cowardly Officials,” in Columbia Daily Tribune

02/04/2016 - Prof. Robertson wrote an op-ed “President Obama In Danger of Failing Terrorism Test,” in St Louis Jewish Light

02/04/2016 - Prof. Robertson was quoted in “Earnings Tax Supporters Worry About Full Ballot,” KMOX, http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2016/02/04/earnings-tax-supporters-worry-about-full-ballot/
Media Engagement

02/08/2016 - Prof. Thomas was quoted in “Inside Nevada’s $1.3 billion gamble on Tesla,” an article on The Verge website: http://www.theverge.com/2016/2/8/10937076/tesla-gigafactory-battery-factory-nevada-tax-deal-elon-musk

02/11/2016 - Prof. Robertson was quoted by Jo Mannies in “Missouri campaigns are embracing the new, still using the old,” St. Louis Public Radio http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouri-campaigns-are-embracing-new-still-using-old

02/14/2016 - Prof. Robertson commented on local reactions to Justice Scalia’s death, KMOX, http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2016/02/14/local-reaction-to-justice-scalias-death/

02/20/2016 - Prof. Robertson commented on attacks on Eric Greitens, for KMOX radio http://stltoday.com/story/news/local/politics/2016/02/20/military-service-under-scrutiny-on-missouri-campaign-trail/

02/20/2016 - Prof. Robertson’s Candidates’ military service under scrutiny on Missouri campaign trail,” Associated Press, appeared in St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Navy Times, and other papers

02/24/2016 - Prof. Rochester wrote an op-ed “The 2016 Presidential Election: A Choice Between Wingnuts?” in St Louis Jewish Light

02/26/2016 - Prof. Robertson commented on the consequences of Tom Schweich’s death for politics in Missouri for KMOX radio

02/26/2016 - Prof. Robertson was quoted in “Death and Politics: Did a Vicious Campaign Drive a Candidate to Suicide?” Rolling Stone

Prof. Udani’s article “Postponing the Day of Reckoning? Examining Contextual Effects on Public Support for Voter Identification Policies” will appear in a forthcoming article in Social Science Quarterly.


Events/Presentations

12/04/2015 - The Department of Political Science had a Holiday Party

01/05/2016 - Prof. Robertson discussed the presidential campaign at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Washington University

01/14/2016 - Prof. Jones presented, “The 2016 Elections” to the First Bank Community Meeting

01/16/2016 - Prof. Jones presented “The 2016 Presidential Nominating Process” to the Washington University Lifelong Learning Institute

01/28/2016 - The Department had it’s Spring 2016 Open House

02/01/2016 - Prof. Jones presented “The Weight of History: Race and Public Policy in St. Louis” to the Rockwood Summit High School Assembly

02/11/2016 - The Political Science Academy along with The Associated Students of the University of Missouri, The College Democrats, and The Philosophers’ Forum hosted a Debate Watching Party in the MSC

02/12/2016 - Prof. Jones presented “The Weight of History: Race and Public Policy in St. Louis” to the Kirkwood School District teachers and staff

02/16/2016 - The Faculty Colloquium Series presented Prof. David Kimball, “Voter Participation with Ranked Choice Voting in the U.S.”

02/24/2016 - Prof. Robertson discussed the Political Landscape, 2016, at Missouri University of Science and Technology
Other News—
Prof. Adriano Udani has become a board member of the Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates

Distinguished Alumni Awardees at the upcoming Political Science Alumni Reunion, on Friday May 13th,

Dr. Rochelle R. Henderson
Ph.D., Political Science 2010
Sr. Director, Health Service Research, Express Scripts, Inc.

Dr. Donald M. Lindhorst
Ph.D., Political Science 1995
Chair of Social Work
Saint Louis University

Honorable Kenneth Waller
BS Public Administration 1986
County Executive, Jefferson County

The Guest Speakers for the Awards Reception will be

Michael Kelley & John Hancock
“The Hancock & Kelley Show”
NewsRadio 1120 KMOX
The Political Science Department prides itself on fulfilling all three areas of the university’s mission-teaching, research, service. It devotes itself to studying who governs and why, how government is organized, and who benefits from the policies promulgated by government. This study encompasses local, state, and federal politics in the United States, governments and politics in all areas of the globe, and how nation states relate to each other in the international arena.

Notes

News and notes collected from the previous months.

Faculty and students- If you have an academic accomplishment you would like to share, please email Professor Robertson at daverobertson@umsl.edu and copy Jalina Drake at drakeje@umsl.edu, to place on our twitter feed, Facebook, and homepage.