Political Science News and Notes

May/June/July 2015

Publications


Professor Terry Jones “Toward Regionalism: The St. Louis Approach,” Saint Louis University Public Law Review.


http://dx.doi.org/10.1057/iga.2015.3.

Media Engagement

05/19/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/what-did-and-didn-t-happen-during-missouri-legislative-session

05/21/2015 – Prof. Marty Rochester wrote an op-ed “Living –and Dying - With Dignity,” in the St Louis Jewish Light

06/11/2015 – Prof. Marty Rochester wrote an op-ed “Which Pols Will Be at the Finish Line?” in the St Louis Jewish Light
07/23/2015 – Prof. Marty Rochester wrote an op-ed “Character Miseducation,” in the St Louis Jewish Light

Events/Presentations

05/05/2015 – Prof. Marty Rochester appeared on the Charlie Brennan Show on KMOX radio to discuss developments in K-16 education.

05/15/2015 - The department held its Political Science Alumni & Awards Reception from 5:30pm-7:30pm in Fireside Lounge - MSC. New Distinguished Alums included Dr. Dayna M. Stock, Vice President, Regions and Special Initiatives at the United Way of Greater St. Louis Ph.D. in Political Science 2012; Mr. Timothy E. Griffin, Director, Director of CJ Thomas Company; Political Science BA, 1980; Dr. Debra H. Moore, Interim Director of Administration of St. Clair County, MA Political Science, 1999; Ph.D. 2004. Several scholarships and other awards were also announced (see below).

05/17/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones presented “Residential Integration in the St. Louis Region: Challenges and Opportunities” at the St. Louis Ethnical Society.

05/19/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones presented “City-County Consolidation: Past, Present, and Future” at the Washington University Lifelong Learning Institute.

06/05/2015 – Prof. Marty Rochester appeared on the Charlie Brennan Show on KMOX radio to discuss recent threats to free speech on college campuses.

06/19/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones presented “St. Louis: A Brief History” at the St. Louis Regional Chamber Gateway Connections Program.

06/23/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones presented “Race and Public Policy in the St. Louis Region” at the Leadership and Racism Institute.

07/15/2015- Prof. Marty Rochester appeared on the Charlie Brennan Show on KMOX radio to discuss the high failure rates by prospective k-12 teachers on state competency exams.

07/15/2015 – Prof. Terry Jones presented “Race and Education in the St. Louis Region: A Brief History” at the Rockwood School District Professional Development Program.

Grants/Awards

Ph. D. student Ryan Barrett received a fellowship from the Boren Foundation. The title of his fellowship is: ‘Belarus 25 Years Later: A Case in the Transition of Post-Communist Europe.’ The award will cover ten months of study in Minsk, Belarus at Belarusian State University. The focus of
his studies will be on Russian language acquisition and understanding Belarusian culture and politics. The award also includes follow-on training at a domestic Russian program for the summer of 2016.

**Political Science Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients for Fall 2015:**

Brad Bilyeu  Symington
Robert Davis  Symington/Frantzen
Josh Dreon  Frantzen
Nicolai Butler  Alumni Endowed/Bruce Sommer
Anisa Kumero  Bruce Sommer
Belkisa Dautovic  Bruce Sommer
Annetta Canady  Politics in America
Mirzet Mandzic  Political Science Academy

**Pi Sigma Alpha (Theta Delta Chapter) undergraduate inductees**

Joseph Dreon
Mark Stone
Michael (Colin) Tierney

**Pi Sigma Alpha (Theta Delta Chapter) graduate inductees**

Joseph Anthony
Timothy Lewis
Steven Mucci
Dawna Williams

**Department of Political Science Pre-dissertation Award:**

Scott O’Brien
Department of Political Science Dissertation Award

Young-Im Lee

Tracy Cannon

Other News

Professor Terry Jones was appointed to the Deaconess Foundation Policy Advisory Board.

PhD candidate Cassie Myers successfully defended her dissertation, *Hometown Influence: The Impact of Geography on Statewide Candidate Success* on Monday, July 13th. Her dissertation chair was Prof. David Kimball.

PhD candidate John D’Attoma successfully defended his dissertation, *A Nation Divided: Assessing the Regional Effects of Institutions, Social Capital, and Civic Culture on Tax Morale in Italy* on Thursday, July 16th. His dissertation chair was Prof. Kenneth Thomas.

Graduate students Ryan Barrett, Angela Early, Eric Vorst, and Dawna Williams passed their comprehensive exams this summer.

Notes

News and notes collected from the previous month. Faculty and students- If you have an academic accomplishment you would like to share, please email Professor Jalalzai at jalalzaif@umsl.edu and copy Jalina Drake at drakeje@umsl.edu, to place on our twitter feed, Facebook, and homepage.