Warm greetings! Our Department had a successful year in 2016-2017 despite some speed bumps. Faculty members have published important books and scholarly articles, and they are working on exciting new projects. Professor Anita Manion has taken command of our undergraduate program as our new Director of Undergraduate Studies. Under Professor Manion's excellent leadership and the guidance of Professors Iyob and Rochester, the Department's proposal for a new Bachelor of Arts in International Relations is on the verge of full, formal approval (http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2016/11/30/international-relations/).

With the help of Professors Liao and Udani, Professor Manion has also recently streamlined and improved the Bachelor of Science in Public Policy Administration degree. Enrollment has increased in Political Science classes at all levels, bucking a University trend. Professor David Kimball is doing a superb job as Graduate Director; this May alone, we awarded four new Ph.Ds.

Our department’s engagement in helping the community has never been greater. Professor Kimball’s leadership of an exit poll project in the 2016 national elections and the 2017 local elections is a model for any public urban university (http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2016/11/14/exit-polling/). It actively engaged our students in real life fact gathering and analysis, and it provided new insights into the things that shaped the voters’ decisions when they cast their ballots.

We welcome three new members of our political science family. Ms. Rachel DuPree took over as our Office Support Assistant early in the spring 2017 semester. Rachel, an UMSL grad, has brought talent, initiative, and a wonderful sense of kindness and helpfulness to our department. We also welcome Ms. Judy Cates, the Business Support Specialist for Economics, who added our department to her portfolio early in the spring. We all marvel at Judy’s knowledge, experience and skill, and we are grateful to her in countless ways already. Our most recent addition is Professor Doug Swanson, our new colleague who serves as Coordinator for Labor Studies. He replaces Rob Russell, who has moved on to higher office as the Director of Labor Education for the University of Missouri-Extension. Rob is now based in Columbia.

We congratulate Professor Joyce Mushaben, who has been promoted to College of Arts and Sciences Professor of Global Studies and now is a member of the College faculty (http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2017/03/14/college-professor/).

We recognize Professor Kenny Thomas, who formally retired his position and now serves as a Founders Professor, teaching a course and still nurturing graduate students through the program. All of his colleagues and many of our students deeply appreciate all he has done for us.

We give special thanks to former Director of Center for Ethics in Public Life, Wally Siewart, for all his support over the years, and we wish him well in his new position with FOCUS Saint Louis.

We also thank Raphael Hopkins and Jalina Drake, staff members who served all of us so well over the years. We thank them and will never forget all the help they have given us.

The budget issues facing UMSL and the University of Missouri have engaged much of the attention of the campus and our Department this year and will continue to do so in 2017-2018. The department also underwent an extensive five-year review this year, and that review revealed many of our strengths in research, teaching and service. We are building on those strengths, laying the groundwork for expanding our enrollment and our programs, and improving the quality of our education for our students.

Last but not least, we had a great turnout for our 2017 Alumni Reunion this year. I must express how grateful I am to everyone who was able to attend and to all who participated in the success of this event.

All the Best,

Dave Robertson

Announcements

Join us for our Fall Open House on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 11am-1pm in room 344A SSB. This is a chance for students to learn more about the Political Science majors and minors and meet our faculty. Undergraduate and graduate students and faculty are all welcome to attend. Food and drinks will be provided.

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Dr. Sudarsan Kant, Dr. Elizabeth W. Sale, and Dr. Andrew Theising Receive the Department of Political Science 2017 Alumni Awards!

Dr. Sudarsan Kant graduated with his PhD in 2011 from the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Currently he serves as the interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Harris-Stowe State University as well as an Assistant Professor of Political Science. At Harris-Stowe, Sudarsan developed the undergraduate degree program in political science and is hoping to soon matriculate its first cohort of political science students in the institution’s 160 year history. He has also served on the faculty senate and multiple standing committees at Harris-Stowe and other organizations on campus. Sudarsan’s main research interest is on the politics of Oceania, and he tries to remain active in his field by participating in academic conferences when time permits. Sudarsan is married to Dayna Stock, and the smartest thing he did besides finishing his degree was probably meeting Dayna, who was a fellow student in the department.

Dr. Elizabeth Sale received both her MA (1998) and her PhD (1999) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Political Science. She is the Evaluation Director and a research associate professor at the MIMH. She has over 25 years of experience in the field of survey and evaluation research, with specific expertise in conducting process and outcome evaluations in the field of child and adolescent mental health and substance abuse prevention. Dr. Sale’s skills include research and evaluation design, logic model development, survey sampling methods, measures development, and qualitative and quantitative analysis. She has evaluated many nationally recognized evidence-based prevention programs and has extensive experience in the management and analysis of national longitudinal multi-site evaluations. Dr. Sale is an adjunct research associate professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia in the School of Public Health. She has published in several peer-reviewed journals including the American Journal of Community Psychology, the Journal of Primary Prevention, the American Journal on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and the Journal of Drug Education.

Dr. Andrew Theising holds the departmental trifecta: BA (1990), MA (1996), and PhD (1997)! He is an urban scholar and has written and edited several books on the industrial legacy of the St. Louis region, most recently co-editing St. Louis Currents: The Fifth Edition (Reedy Press, 2016) with Terry Jones. He is associate professor and chair of political science at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He is also a nationally recognized expert on East St. Louis, IL. Theising not only studies urban issues in depth – he works tirelessly to apply that research in the community and work toward solutions. He chairs the Leadership Council of the Pierre Laclede Honors College; chairs the governing board of Head Start program in St. Clair County, Illinois; and serves as vice president of the school board for the East St. Louis Charter High School.

From the left, Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Dr. Andrew Theising with Alexis Elward, and on the right, Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient, Dr. Elizabeth W. Sale, May 2017
Political Science Graduate Students and Faculty Join in on the Fun

Our students, faculty, and staff are always welcome to attend department events. We were glad to see that some students and faculty were able to make it out to enjoy the festivities.

Eric Royer (back left), Young-Im Lee, Robert Davis, and Joseph Anthony pictured with our department’s Graduate Director, Professor David Kimball.

Professor Anita Manion announces the Scholarship Awards

We are excited to report that $8937 in undergraduate Political Science scholarships is being awarded for the 2017-18 academic year, and we recognize the following recipients of these awards for their accomplishments:

**Political Science Alumni Endowed Scholarship**
Robert Nickel, Junior

**Symington Scholarship**
Abby Naumann, Senior

**Bruce Somer Scholarship**
Nicholas Adams, Junior
Maxwell Cook, Junior

**Frantzen Political Science Alumni Endowed Scholarship**
Madinys Weiss, Junior
Jennifer Mossgraber, Junior

**Politics in America Scholarship**
Armin Cejvanovic, Junior
Steven Southerland, Senior

Mary Painter (left) with Professor Jean-Germain Gros.

Professor Adriano Udani (left) with graduate student, Robert Davis.
More Alumni Reunion Fun

Whether you have personal or professional news to share, we love hearing from you! Stay in touch by sending your updates to dupree@umsl.edu or Dave Robertson at daverobertson@umsl.edu.
Recent Graduates

Spring 2016

Undergraduate Degrees
Butler, Nicolae (BA)
Derda, Mary-Katherine (BA)
Dreon, Josh (BA)
Gibson, Kenya (BA)
Horst, Hannah (BA)
Kostecki, Molly (BA)
Omeragic, Mahir (BA)
Richard, Derrick (BA)
Sahbaz, Aleksander (BA)

Graduate Degrees:
McCorkle, Kerra (MA)
Simmonds, Brett (MA)
Gracey, Jessica (PhD)
Hosto-Marti, Barbara (PhD)
Karr, Alan (PhD)

Fall 2016

Undergraduate Degrees
Bell, Scott (BA)
Bilyeu, Brad (BA)
Bruno, Amanda (BA)
Davis, Robert (BA)
Doss, Tameka (BA)
Dougherty, Rachel (BA)
Esperanto, Kadisha (BA)
Garrison, Gilbert (BA)
Lakew, Melaku (BA)
Muhammad, Sakinah (BA)
Norris Jr, James (BA)
Resnik, Taylor (BA)
Vires, Alex (BA)

Graduate Degrees
Patterson, William (MA)
Graham, David (MA)

Recent Graduates (continued)

Spring 2017

Undergraduate Degrees
Boston, Jennifer (BA)
Hartley, Evan (BA)
Mandzic, Mirzet (BA)
Murphy, Michael (BA)
Salihovic, Elma (BA)
Ziegemeier, Aaron (BA)

Graduate Degrees
Bakirci, Islam (MA)
Carter, Christopher (MA)
Chance, Tyler (MA)
Downey, Justin (MA)
Welter, Timothy (MA)
Deppen, Raymond (PhD)
Early, Angela (PhD)
Lee, Young-Im (PhD)
Lewis, Timothy (PhD)

Political Science May 2017 PhD Graduates

From the Left: Timothy Lewis, Raymond Deppen, Young-Im Lee, and Angela Early

Congratulations!
Students and Faculty in the Daily News

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**Exit-polling project helps political science students get up-close look at electoral process**

**Political scientist named UMSL's first College Professor of Global Studies in Arts and Sciences**

**Conference put on by Center for Ethics in Public Life examines campaign finance reform**

**UMSL political scientists share results of research into belief in voter fraud in Washington Post analysis**

**Political science students gain new perspectives on European politics through participation in Midwest Model EU**

**UMSL political scientists share insights on President Donald Trump’s first 100 days**
Students and Faculty in the Daily News (continued)

To view the full article of any of these news stories, visit http://blogs.umsl.edu/news
Jean-Germain Gros


David Kimball

Dr. Kimball’s publications include an article titled “Voter Competence with Cumulative Voting,” published in the Social Science Quarterly (97:619-625) in 2016 and “Ranked Choice Voting: A Different Way of Counting and Casting Votes,” published in Changing How America Votes (ed. Todd Donovan. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, pp. 100-112) in 2017. His 2016 publication was co-authored with Martha Kroft, and his 2017 article was co-authored with Joseph Anthony. Joseph is a graduate student currently working toward his PhD in Political Science. Professor Kimball also moderated panel discussion on the first 100 days of the Trump administration with Professors Barbara Graham, Dave Robertson, Marty Rochester, and Adriano Udani.

Yuguo Liao

Professor Liao’s most recent article, “Exploring the antecedents of municipal managers’ attitudes toward citizen participation” was published in Public Management Review. His co-author on this article is Hindy Schachter. He also presented his research titled “The role of political skills in explaining the voluntary turnover intention of city managers” at the 2017 Annual KAPA (Korean Association of Public Administration) International Conference on June 22, 2017.

Richard Middleton

Dr. Middleton’s book, Unmastering the Script: the Struggle to Reconcile the Haitian Other in Dominican Identity, was approved to go to press by the academic editorial board of the University of Alabama Press. He received a grant from West Academic Publishers, the world’s leading publisher of legal scholarship, to publish this book. This book, Unequal Protection of the Law: the Rights of Citizens and Non-citizens in Comparative Perspective. He also gave a talk on the Presidential executive order on immigration at SLU LAW blog.slu.edu/tag/richard-middleton). He recently presented at the Global Awareness Society International Conference in Costa Rica on the topic of the global legal rights of immigrants.

Dave Robertson


Marty Rochester

Professor Rochester published his book, The New Warfare: Re-thinking Rules for An Unruly World (Routledge). In February of 2016, Professor John Vasquez of the University of Illinois, former president of the International Studies Association, has called the book “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 counsel to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has said the book is “backed by a treasure trove of research” and “should be read and pondered by international lawyers, theorists, and policymakers.”

He had an article titled “Too Much and Too Little: Campus Demonstrations in the 1960s and Today,” published in AcademiQuotations (Winter 2016). He delivered the annual Edwin Fedder Lecture on Foreign and International Affairs (UMSL, September 20, 2016) “Fighting the War on Terror: The Tough Moral, Legal, and Strategic Choices Facing the United States.” He has published over a dozen op-eds in newspapers. He was a guest on the Charlie Brenner KMOX radio show on four occasions to discuss topics ranging from American foreign policy, the Trump presidency, and the United Nations at 70: Still A Work in Progress at the St Louis World Affairs Council on April 7, 2017, and he was a guest panelist at two Oasis-sponsored forums on the 2016 Presidential Election.

Todd Swanstrom

Professor Swanstrom has had several publications in the 2016-17 academic year. His publications include:


In the year 2016, he accomplished several presentations. They are as follows:

**RESEARCH STUDIES**


**GRANTS**

- New Initiatives Grant Program of the MIT Election Data and Science Lab. Research Grant. May 2017
- University of Missouri – St. Louis Research Grant. May 2017
- Visiting Young Scholar. North Carolina State University. April 2017
- College of Arts and Sciences, University, Research travel grant. September 2016
- International Studies Program, Research Fellow. September 2016
- Creating Whole Communities. Research Grant. May 2016
- College of Arts and Sciences, University. Curriculum Grant with David Kimball. April 2016

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Pictures in Their Minds: African Immigrant Perceptions of Immigrant Service Providers. June 2017
- 16th Annual Conference of Cambo de Colores. St. Louis, MO. Latino perspectives on immigration enforcement and implications for support of policy enforcement. June 2017
- Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL

**INVITED UNIVERSITY TALKS/PANEL PARTICIPATION**

- Invited speaker, Creating Whole Communities Research Fellow
- Information Session. “Findings from a Community-focused Research Project on Immigrant Service Providers’ ‘St. Louis on Immigrants.’ April 2017
- Invited speaker, What’s Current Wednesdays. ‘Immigration and resettlement: What we know And what we think we know.’ March 2017
- Invited speaker, Department of Social Work. ‘Immigrant Resentment and Implications for Social Service Providers.’ October 2016

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-authored. Seniors’ Needs Assessment: City of St. Louis (Seniors Count of Greater St. Louis) with Cynthia J. Palazzolo.
- Co-authored. Seniors’ Needs Assessment: St. Louis County (Seniors Count of Greater St. Louis) with Cynthia J. Palazzolo.
- Co-authored. Seniors’ Needs Assessment: St. Charles County (Seniors Count of Greater St. Louis) with Cynthia J. Palazzolo.
- Co-authored. “One vs. Many: Municipal Fragmentation or Consolidation (paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association 2017 Annual Conference) with James Brasfield and Mark Tranle.
- Co-authored. St. Louis County Strategic Planning Citizen Survey (St. Louis County Department of Planning) with Cynthia J. Palazzolo.

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- PBS News Hour (April 2017) on state preemption of local authority.
- Guest on St. Louis Public Radio’s “St. Louis on the Air” six times during this period on public opinion, elections, state politics, and local politics.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Over sixty presentations to community groups including OASIS, the Gatesworth Queen of Conscience, Ladue Chapel, Rockwood School District, Kirkwood School District, Ladue School District, Clayton School District, Webster Groves School District, St. Louis County Library Managers, Creve Coeur

**Awards**


**Interview**

- Kenny Thomas


**Publications**

- Joyce Mushaben

  In the spring of 2017, Professor Mushaben achieved the high honor of being named UMSL’s first College Professor of Global Studies in Arts and Sciences (for more information, visit http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2017/03/14/college-professor/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Joyce%20Mushaben&utm_campaign=U003/15/17).

  She has also been selected to deliver the university’s fourth Last Lecture (for background info, please see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J_MqicxSo).


**Presentations**

- Lorenzo Gonzalez

  Professor Gonzalez published his autobiography, To Return to Cuba, with USC Press in 2017. (For more information, please see: https://www.lulu.com/shop/lorenzo-f-gonzalez/to-return-to-cuba/paperback/product-23213588.html)
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