A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR
By Patricia Fredericksen

The Fall 2002 brought some changes to the Political Science Department. Les Alm stepped down as chair to assume the Directorship of Graduate Studies for the Department of Public Policy and Administration. The Political Science Department flourished under Alm’s leadership and we are grateful for his service to students and faculty. I stepped into a beautifully organized department administration and Alm’s leadership certainly made this transition a smooth one.

Students, faculty, and staff in the Political Science Department continue to excel on campus and in the community. There are many stories in this regard, and this newsletter contains only a few. Political Science interns learn first hand about the development and implementation of public policy in placements throughout Idaho and in Washington, D.C. On campus, students consider concepts and theory in the classroom and then apply that knowledge in service-learning activities and observation of the political processes in state and local government.

Our faculty continues to provide expertise to the community and the university. Stephanie Witt serves as the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. John Freemuth is the co-principal investigator of the Environmental Science and Policy Research Institute (ESPRI) grant. Brian Wampler and Maria Chavez are conducting a research effort to provide more information to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare about migrant workers in Idaho. Greg Raymond continues as the Director of the Honors College. Jim Weatherby offers insightful political commentary during Idaho elections through a variety of media outlets. Gary Moncrief’s research on state legislatures receives attention throughout the United States and on the international level. Our department staff, Tricia Trofast, Emilie Garcia, and Debbie Mitchell maintain the highest level of professionalism and provide outstanding service to students and community members. Our students benefit from faculty of the highest caliber, including several adjunct faculty who offer their expertise in specialized classes. Christopher Innes, Bill Overton, Steve Shaw, Janet Howard, Patti Powell, Phil Choate and Steve Ackerman offer additional courses to meet the growing request for political science coursework. We welcomed Debbie Mitchell, Office Specialist II in January. Mitchell is a senior at Boise State University, majoring in Political Science with an emphasis in Public Law and Political Philosophy and a minor in communication. She plans on attending law school after completing her Bachelors degree.

Mitchell is treasurer of the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society.

The list of accomplishments and contributions could go on and on and this small outline does not do justice to the efforts of the faculty and staff.

And finally, it is with much sadness that we bid farewell to Maria Chavez, Emilie Garcia, and Will Jordan. Maria has accepted a teaching position at Seattle University and Will accepted a teaching position at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Their new appointments begin fall 2003. Emilie Garcia, Office Specialist II and Elementary Education major at Boise State University, began student teaching at Whittier Elementary School in Boise. She is teaching second and sixth grades and hopes to teach in the Boise Valley after graduation in May 2003.

By Debbie Mitchell

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Faculty Honors

Dr. Les Alm has been nominated for numerous awards: 2002 Outstanding Honors College Faculty Award, 2002-2003 ASBSU Outstanding Faculty Award, and he is a finalist for the 2003 Boise State University Foundation Scholars Award for Teaching.

Dr. Ross Burkhart has been selected as a participant in the 2003 Freeman Summer Institute on Japan.

Dr. John Freemuth was nominated for the 2002-2003 Outstanding Honors College Faculty award.

Dr. Todd Lochner was nominated for the 2002-2003 ASBSU Outstanding Faculty Award.

Dr. Gary Moncrief was nominated for the ASBSU Outstanding Faculty Award and is a finalist for the 2003 Boise State University Foundation Scholars Award for Teaching. Moncrief is also on the management team for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Student Honors

45th Air Force Academy Assembly

By Jeremy Henn

Political science majors, Slade Sokol and Jeremy Henn joined selected undergraduates from across the United States at the 45th annual United States Air Force Academy Assembly. Columbia University's American Assembly and the Air Force Academy sponsor this highly competitive student conference. The 100 delegates to the 2003 assembly, representing numerous universities and several nations, were afforded the opportunity to discuss a timely and increasingly important topic: America's Challenges in an Unstable World: Balancing Security with Liberty.

Joining the undergraduate delegates were high-ranking government officials, scholars and members of the corporate community. The keynote and banquet speakers for the 45th Assembly were General Ralph E. Eberhart, Combatant Commander, Northern Command and Mr. Denis Clift, President, Joint Military Intelligence College.

Henn and Sokol participated in daily roundtable debates in which they sought to develop a group consensus on discussion questions supplied by conference leaders. In addition to the roundtable debates, delegates were able to choose from several lectures to attend throughout the course of the assembly. Topics for the lectures ranged from Suicide Bombers in the Middle East, to the Constraints on Security Imposed by the U.S. Constitution.

The four-day assembly concluded with a formal presentation by all roundtable groups who gathered to prepare a final consensus based on the information each had compiled during the course of the week's debates. In past years, Congress, various government agencies, universities, and think tanks have sought these reports.

Support for the student representatives to attend this prestigious conference came from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs and from a grant awarded to Dr. John Freemuth.

For more information on the Air Force Academy Assembly, visit the Political Science Department office or the Assembly website at http://www.usafa.af.mil/dfps/assembly/information.html.

Commencement Marshals

The following students served as Commencement Marshals during graduation ceremonies:

May 2002 Commencement:
Sadie L. Babits
Jeremy L. Sauer

December 2002 Commencement:
Elizabeth A. Kittelmann
Internship Pays Off

Shawn O’Dell, Spring 2002 intern with the U.S. Department of Defense, was selected by the State Chairman of the Idaho Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve as the Region 3 recipient of the State Chairman’s award at the annual meeting held in August 2002.

This award was for his work, as an intern with the State Executive Committee. O’Dell assisted in the reformation of the Idaho committee by providing the committee with foundation research from which to expand its goals and ability to provide services to the members of the Guard and Reserve. O’Dell is slated to become the state assistant membership and training chair within the Idaho State Executive Committee. His main duties will be to train new members and retain older members within the volunteer organization.

President’s Award

Richard Hachtel was awarded the 2003 President’s Award on February 28, 2003, at Boise State’s Leadership Quest. Hachtel received this award for his outstanding leadership and service and for his contribution to the welfare of Boise State University.

Hachtel is President of the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, a member of the Political Science Association and Honors College, Rhodes Scholar candidate, a lobbyist for the Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU), and in 2001 and 2002 was a College Bowl participant.

Larry Selland Humanitarian Award

Leobardo Morales has been named one of two recipients of the Larry Selland Humanitarian Award for 2003.

Morales is a community activist and in 1999 spoke in support of the farm worker minimum wage legislation. He is president of the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos (OLEA) at Boise State and is lobbying for the passage of a driver’s license bill that will greatly impact the immigrant community.

The Larry Selland Humanitarian Award was created in 1997 to honor those men and women of Boise State who best exemplify the caring nature of the late Larry Selland, a tireless advocate for women and minorities and an outstanding role model.

Undergraduate Research Initiative And Conference

Congratulations to Richard Hachtel and Whitney Parker who received recognition for outstanding achievement in undergraduate research at the third annual College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Conference on April 21, 2003.


Parker worked with Alm, through the Undergraduate Research Initiative, investigating acid rain and the U.S. Clean Air Act, as well as other data for the paper. She has been awarded a stipend for Spring 2003.

Other Political Science students who were recognized for undergraduate research activities include: Robert Allen, Amanda Brown, Eileen DeShazo, Nikki Drake, Joshua Haskett, Beth Kittelmann, Kreed Kleinkopf, Bonnie Prisbrey, Slade Sokol, and Sara Westbrook.
The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2002-2003 Academic Year:

- Robert Allen, Political Science/English Scholarship
- Nikki Drake
- Jessica Gearino
- Richard Hachtel, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in Political Science
- Michael Hanby
- Jared Hoskins
- LaDonna Jeffs, Willard Overgaard Political Science Scholarship
- Elizabeth Kittelmann
- Debbie Mitchell
- Whitney Parker
- Annie-Noelle Pelletier
- Kenneth Rock
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Kenneth Rock
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Sarah S. Ali
Jerry D. Breckon
Amanda V. Brown
Aaron J. Canfield
Joel C. Clark
Brent J. Crane
Nikki R. Drake
Thomas W. Fassino
Hannelore M. Ferber
Kari A. Goldade
Samuel Grayson
Robert J. Green
Richard P. Hachtel
Roy Hansen
Camala J. Hastings
Trudi M. Hattaway
Jared C. Hoskins
LaDonna J. Jeffs
Betsy E. Kimbrough
Elizabeth A. Kittelmann
Kreed R. Kleinkopf
Natalia Kortisova-Bell
Lisa M. McGrath
Deborah J. Mitchell
Megan J. Molyneux
Whitney M. Parker
Annie-Noelle Pelletier
Tammy R. Perkins
Michael W. Reed
Kenneth M. Rock
Jeremy L. Sauer
Marcus G. Schwab
Jennifer C. Singleton
Christian D. Slack
Slade D. Sokol
Kelly M. Spafford
Jade J. Stacey
Cody J. Stoddard
September P. Stonehocker
Katherine H. Sullins
Jared G. Tatro
Sean P. Walsh
JoAnn E. Wandell
Tanya C. Watt
Carrie R. Wheeler

Kayla R. Brown
(Brown was mistakenly omitted from the Spring 2002 newsletter)
INTERNS

Since Boise State is located in the capital city, a large number of internships are offered to our political science majors. These internships allow students to gain important experience, make valuable contacts, and earn academic credit – sometimes they even get paid as well! Many of our students took advantage of the internship program during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Summer 2002
- Kristina Carrier, State Independent Living Council
- Brad Christensen, Senator Larry Craig's Boise Office
- Shawn Munsey, U.S. Probation Office
- Annie Pelletier, Idaho Legal Aid Services
- Slade Sokol, Idaho Democratic Party
- Tanya Watt, Idaho State Planning Grant for the Uninsured

Fall 2002
- Robert Allen, Idaho State Department of Education
- Russell Boyd, Richardson for Congress
- Amanda Brown, Idaho State Democratic Party
- Matt Brown, Idaho Rivers United
- Mindy Butler, Boise State University Women's Center
- Heather Campbell, Campaign to Elect Tom Luna
- Kristina Carrier, Special Services at Boise State University
- Brent Crane, Crane for State Treasurer Campaign
- Don Crowell, Idaho Human Rights Commission
- Kelly Cunningham, Idaho State Democratic Party
- Eileen DeShazo, Brady for Governor
- Nikki Drake, Idaho Department of Commerce
- Ian Gibson-Glander, Bureau of Land Management
- Joshua Haskett, Crane for State Treasurer Campaign
- Roxanne Hathaway, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Beth Kittelmann, Bureau of Disaster Services
- Kreed Kleinkopf, Blinken for U.S. Senate
- Jason Knoblich, Kemphome for Governor
- Leslie Nelson, Craig for U.S. Senate
- Stephanie Peel, Craig for U.S. Senate
- Bonnie Prisbrey, American Civil Liberties Union
- Sara Westbrook, Idaho Republican Party

Spring 2003
- Mindy Butler, Women's Center, Boise State University
- Cheryl Czarnecki, Agency for New Americans
- Nikki Drake, Department of Commerce
- Stephanie Ellis, American Civil Liberties Union
- Robert J. Green, Nampa Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Jeremy B. Henn, American Red Cross
- Carson Howell, Office of the Governor
- Patti Jarosky, Division of Medicaid, Department of Health and Welfare
- Sean Peterson, State Legislative Services Office
- Allen W. Spence, Department of the Army
- Lea Sweat, Office for the Democratic Party
- Eric Taylor, Idaho Fraternal Order of Police
- Jacie Wilcock, African Bureau, Office of Regional Affairs, Washington D.C.
- W. Brandon Woods, Idaho State Legislative Services Office

Jacie Wilcock, Spring 2003 intern with the African Bureau, Office of Regional Affairs in Washington, D.C., attended the Article 98 treaty signing between the U.S. and Rwanda. Wilcock was in the treaty signing room in the Secretary of State's office at the State Department where she witnessed the signing of the treaty between Secretary of State, Colin Powell, and Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, along with the Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andre Bumaya.
On March 13, 2003, the Department of Political Science and the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha co-sponsored the Recognition Breakfast to honor interns and intern supervisors, members of the Political Science Association and members of Pi Sigma Alpha. The event was sponsored using a grant from the national office of Pi Sigma Alpha. The Xi Chi Chapter inducted nine new members, as well as Dean Michael Blankenship as an honorary member into its growing organization.

The breakfast was again a success. Dr. Michael Blankenship, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs was the guest speaker. The Dean's presentation was well received by the audience, including President Charles Ruch, Provost Daryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephanie Witt, along with the faculty and staff from the department. Billie Madison, Special Coordinator, Registrar's Office, was recognized for her exemplary service working with the Department and our interns.

The Department of Political Science and the Xi Chi Chapter would like to extend their gratitude to the national office of Pi Sigma Alpha for the grant that funded this event, as well as the BSU BookStore for the lapel pins they donated.

The current officers are Richard Hachtel, President; Annie Pelletier, Vice President; LaDonna Jeffs, Secretary; and Debbie Mitchell, Treasurer.

Dr. Brian Wampler is the Pi Sigma Alpha advisor and Tricia Trofast serves as the administrative coordinator. For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at ttrofas@boisestate.edu or 426-1458.
The Political Science Association (PSA) is an ASBSU recognized student organization that strives to involve students with political issues, inform students on political topics, enrich student-faculty interaction, and serve the community through various outreach projects.

This year PSA has been involved with bringing local and state political candidates from both major parties to campus for the purpose of speaking to students. Raising political awareness, yet staying non-partisan allows PSA to serve a large variety of student viewpoints. For example, PSA has had a unique opportunity to help sponsor bringing Ralph Nader, a high-profile political activist, to Boise State University’s campus.

PSA’s annual events have been quite successful this year. In the Fall, we began our event series with Law School Night where Dr. Todd Lochner, and Idaho Supreme Court Clerk Syrena T. Case-Hargrove provided useful information to a large group of law-school hopefuls. The semester progressed with our Internship Lunch. This event allowed Dr. Patricia Fredericksen to promote the value of a political internship by inviting several seasoned interns and their supervisors to discuss intern opportunities in a panel format.

PSA added a new monthly event to our organization by way of Faculty Research Presentation Nights. We have invited professors to come speak about their current or recent research to interested students. We believe this promotes not only a better understanding of academic endeavors outside of the classroom, but also allows students to interact with faculty on a unique level.

To serve the community of Boise, the PSA has involved itself in a number of politically relevant and traditionally accepted service projects. For example, PSA was once again able to facilitate the YMCA Youth Government breakout sessions where local high school students brainstormed on hypothetical legislation. This spring we will also be able to provide information to the same students as they compete in the annual Youth Government event at the Statehouse. Additionally, we provided monetary assistance for the purchase of Christmas presents to underprivileged children in the CASA Program (Court Appointed Special Advocate). PSA also contributed to the community by serving meals at the Boise Rescue Mission.

March 13th marked the annual Political Science Recognition Breakfast. This event pays recognition to interns and intern supervisors, members of the PSA, members and new inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society. Dr. Michael Blankenship, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, was the keynote speaker at this year’s event.

Finally, as always, PSA finished the year with its annual Faculty/Student Dinner. This event allowed the Political Science Faculty and students the chance to interact socially in nonacademic environment. This year’s event was held the third week of April and was well attended.

The Political Science Association would like to recognize the efforts and guidance of our faculty advisor Dr. Ross Burkhart. It is only through the continued effort and dedication of Dr. Burkhart that our organization thrives. We are confident that PSA will continue to serve the Boise State community in future years. If you are interested in more information about PSA, please contact Dr. Burkhart at rburkhar@boisestate.edu or 426-3280.
2002-2003 Boise State University Ambassadors

Ambassadors are a select group of dedicated students appointed to represent the student body and help with various university activities. Erin Lowe is currently serving as an Ambassador for Boise State University. If you are interested in serving as a Boise State Ambassador, contact Rob Dennis, Enrollment Counselor at the New Student Information Center, 426-1479.

Meet Our Adjuncts

Steven M. Ackerman, M.A. in International Affairs from the University of Miami, teaches classes at Boise State University in international relations. Ackerman is currently Senior Analyst for Provizio in Boise and has worked for several governmental organizations including the Institute for Defense Analyses, International Republican Institute, and the United States Air Force.

Phillip Choate, Community Economic Development Consultant, teaches classes in American National Government and State and Local Government at Boise State University. Choate received his M.A. in Political Science from Ohio State University, Columbus and he is the former Executive Director of IDA-ORE Planning & Development Association, Inc.

Janet M. Howard, M.A. in Public Administration, Boise State University, teaches classes in American National Government. Howard worked for the City of Caldwell as a project liaison, ordinance writer, and a research assistant for their Indian Creek Restoration Plan.

Christopher Innes holds a M.A. Political Science from Kent at Canterbury University, England. In addition to the courses he has taught for other disciplines at Boise State University, his teachings for the Political Science Department include Contemporary Political Ideologies, and two workshops: Political Theory in Adult Fiction and Political Theory Content/Children’s Fiction.

William Jarocki, M.A., in Public Administration, Boise State University, has been the Director of the USEPA Region 10 Environmental Finance Center, which specializes in the financial and management aspects of water and other environmental systems, since 1996. He is the president of the Environmental Finance Center Network; a member of the American Water Works Association’s Finance, Accounting and Management Controls Committee; and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council. Jarocki is currently teaching Environmental Politics.

William C. Overton, Ph.D., Adult and Higher Education from the University of Idaho, is a Performance Improvement Consultant for his business, Overton & Associates. Overton holds a Master of English (Washington State University) and a Master of Public Administration (Boise State University); a bachelor’s degree in English Writing and American Literature and an A.A. in Social Science. Overton has been teaching courses in political science as an adjunct for 15 years, including American National Government, Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structure, and State and Local Government, in addition to courses he teaches for other disciplines at Boise State.

Patti Powell, Sheriff’s Legal Advisor, Ada County Sheriff’s Department, teaches classes in American National Government. Powell received her J.D. from the University of Idaho. Prior to entering law school, she was a secondary education teacher.

Stephen Shaw, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science and Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Northwest Nazarene University continues to teach for the department. His courses include American Chief Executive, American National Government and Contemporary Political Ideologies.

Student Leaders at Boise State

Political Science majors and minors involved in student government at Boise State are: Ken Rock, Vice President; Sarah Ali, Senator; Pamela Mcgee and Matthew Peterson, Senators-at-Large; and Evangeline Beechler, Election Chair.

Come Visit Us on the World Wide Web

The Department of Political Science has a home page on the Boise State University site on the World Wide Web at http://polisci.boisestate.edu/. Dr. Patricia Fredericksen maintains this site.
FRANCISCO PEDRAZA

Francisco Pedraza graduated from Boise State University in 2002, where he was an active member of the Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, president of the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos (OELA) club, served as an Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) senator, coordinator of the 2000 Human Rights March for the Martin Luther King Celebration, and as a resident assistant at Chaffee Hall.

Pedraza has received numerous awards and scholarships including the 2002 Directors Award, the Idaho Minority At-Risk and Hewlett-Packard Human Rights Scholarships and an award for outstanding service within ASBSU.

PSN: When and why did you decide to become a political science major?

Pedraza: At the end of my first year, I switched from mechanical engineering. I took a course from Dr. Stephanie Witt. The course was State and Local politics. I will always remember that Dr. Witt told students that the next 5 to 10 years would allow great opportunities for change in the State of Idaho. I was inspired to learn and apply it to real life politics in Idaho.

PSN: What opportunities did you take advantage of in the political science department?

Pedraza: I thought that political science was a great undergraduate program because faculty members have a commitment to challenge students. Students are prepared because the faculty push students. Organizations such as the Political Science Association and Pi Sigma allowed me to be involved in the department.

PSN: How did professors change your understanding of the world? Any specific examples?

Pedraza: Dr. Ross Burkhart allowed me to see the connection between different communities. We are part of a global community because decisions made overseas reverberate in Boise. Decisions that we make here reverberate in other countries. This was important because it allowed me to see myself as part of local and global communities.

PSN: What else did you like about the department?

Pedraza: Other students, diversity of ideas and backgrounds in the make-up of political science majors. Group work was required in several cases, which helps to build skills and helps you to prepare for jobs after graduation.

PSN: What have you done since graduation?

Pedraza: I conducted Independent research with Dr. Burkhart in order to better prepare myself to go to graduate school. To earn money, I have been working as a carpenter. However, I now realize that I belong in academics. The next step for me is to pursue a career in academia. I want to pursue a research agenda in the International Relations and Comparative Politics fields. I am also working as a research assistant to Dr. Brian Wampler and Dr. Maria Chavez. I helped develop questions for a survey that we are applying to Idaho’s migrant and seasonal farmworker community. I will conduct over 450 interviews with migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

PSN: What are your future plans?

Pedraza: I was just accepted the to University of Iowa’s Ph.D. program in political science. I am still waiting to hear from three other schools. However, Iowa offered me a five-year fellowship that will be hard to turn down.

PSN: What are your long-term goals?

Pedraza: I plan to receive a research degree (Ph.D.) that will allow me to share my research findings and to teach. Professors have made an impact on my life and I want to do the same for others.
**Bryan Taylor**

Bryan Taylor graduated from Boise State University in 1998, majoring in political science where he was an active member of the Political Science Association. Taylor received his J.D. from the University of Denver Law School, where he served as president of the Student Bar Association.

**PSN:** What is your current position?

**Taylor:** Nampa City Prosecuting Attorney.

**PSN:** What organization do you work for?

**Taylor:** Nampa City Prosecutor's Office, Nampa, Idaho.

**PSN:** What do you do in your work?

**Taylor:** My job encompasses a wide range of duties and responsibilities. First and foremost, I prosecute criminals who have violated crimes against the City of Nampa. Thus, for example I handled 6,000 criminal cases last year. Second, I review cases, issue warrants for the arrest of criminals, and work with police officers. Third, my job consists of a public relations aspect in which I must provide education to police officers, work with surrounding agencies, and help victims of crimes through the criminal justice system.

**PSN:** How did you get your job?

**Taylor:** I applied for it, was offered the position, and was appointed as Nampa City Prosecutor. (I guess it was the charm!)

**PSN:** Did your Political Science course work and degree help you get your job and prepare you for this work? If yes, how did they?

**Taylor:** Definitely yes. Naturally my law degree was crucial, however my political science degree has helped me with the transition in working for a government agency. Understanding how government works, the facets of the political setting, and just basic public relations skills.

**PSN:** Did you have a Political Science internship? If yes, did it help you get your job and prepare you for this work? If yes, how did it?

**Taylor:** Yes. I worked for the Idaho Department of Commerce. I do not know if it helped per se, however, it was a strong, nice asset to have on my resume. Mainly for the reason of already working with a government agency and to have the ability to work with a number of different political organizations.

**PSN:** Think about what you have done and accomplished. What has been particularly meaningful or interesting to you about your work so far?

**Taylor:** What has been most meaningful to me, is the fact that I have been able to participate in a number of organizations to help further the community of Nampa. Being in the position I am in, I am invited to serve on a number of different boards, which I feel truly makes a difference. What has been the most interesting to me, is learning how the criminal justice system truly works. It is fascinating to stand in a court room and argue a set of facts to these individuals whom I have never met (jurors) and try to persuade them to my line of thinking.

**PSN:** How about your plans for the future? What do you see you doing five or ten years from now?

**Taylor:** I have a number of ideas and plans. (Which one to implement, I do not know.) I am currently working on my Ph.D. and would like to finish that. I would also like to find a job with the federal government. Also I would eventually like to run for political office, and then when I am eligible run for President. Who says a farm boy from Kuna can’t live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?

Well I think that puts my life in a nutshell. I do have to say some of the best times of my life were the Political Science Department. Hey just to let you know, I am trying to repay the Political Science Department by offering an internship here at the Prosecutor’s office. Right now I have a young lad, Robert Green, working away on a research project, which will hopefully be published in the near future. Also just to let you know, I did receive my first publication in the St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary. It is on the 2nd Amendment.
TEACHING CORNER

By Janet Howard, M.P.A. and Adjunct Faculty

One of the issues that our American National Government class has been discussing is the effect of the media on politics. There are many ideas as to the cause of voter disenfranchisement, one major issue being that people do not think that their vote counts. In the recent election, the Idaho Statesman published an editorial endorsing candidate Betty Richardson and one of the arguments for selecting a representative wisely was the fact that Idaho has only two seats in Congress and therefore voters should be informed on the candidates and issues involved.

In response to this obvious error (Idaho has two Senators and two Representatives in its Congressional Delegation), our class decided to engage in political participation to address the error in the editorial, in the form of letters to the editor. In addition, those who agreed with the endorsement of Richardson wrote one editorial. Those who preferred candidate Butch Otter wrote another editorial. This was to allow supporters of both candidates to voice their opinion and to address the issue of Congressional representation.

Both editorials were published in the Idaho Statesman, November 13, 2002 and November 19, 2002.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, along with Glenn W. Richardson Jr. (Kutztown University) received a $1,900 grant from the American Political Science Association Small Research Grants program in May 2002. Burkhart and Richardson's grant project is entitled "Career Development, Candidate Quality and Campaign Spending in U.S. Senate Elections: Experience Money Can't Buy." The purpose of the grant is to finish collection of a data set on U.S. Senate elections from 1974-2002, and then to evaluate the determinants of the outcome of these elections based on analysis of these data.

JoAnn Wandell (2002 Boise State University graduate, B.A. in Political Science, and current student in the Master of Public Administration program) is employed as a research assistant with the grant project. Burkhart also received two Faculty Research Awards from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Dr. Maria Chavez received a Faculty Research Award from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Dr. John Freemuth helped write and secure $750,000 in Congressional funding during FY 2002-2003, for the Environmental Science and Policy Research Institute (ESPRI) at Boise State University.

Dr. Dick Kinney received a Faculty Research Award from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Dr. Gary Moncrief, John Carey (Washington University, St. Louis), Richard Niemi and Lynda Powell (University of Rochester) received a National Science Foundation grant to continue their research on term limits and state legislatures.

Dr. Steven Sallie received a Faculty Research Award from the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Dr. Scott Yenor is the recipient of the John M. Olin Fellowship for the 2002-2003 academic year. This award has allowed him a year of leave to work on his research.

Dr. Will Jordan, Visiting Assistant Professor, has replaced Yenor during his absence.

Dr. Brian Wampler, received a Boise State University Faculty Development Award and teaching course reduction for Spring semester 2003. Wampler, along with Dr. Maria Chavez, are currently conducting a research project on Idaho migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Wampler and Chavez received a grant from the Idaho Department of Health to apply a survey to 800 migrant seasonal farmworkers, as well as to conduct a series of in-depth interviews.

LENDING LIBRARY

The Department has a variety of books and publications available in its lending library. Some topics include careers in international affairs, law, and political science; fellowships in international affairs; internships in Congress, the federal government, international affairs, and public administration; as well as numerous directories. Please feel free to stop by the office and check one out.
Dr. Leslie Alm, Professor and Director of Admissions for the Department of Public Policy and Administration, received his undergraduate degree is from West Point (Engineering) and his Ph.D. is from Colorado State University (Political Science with emphasis in Environmental Policy Making). Alm’s research centers on environmental policy, especially as it applies to U.S.-Canada cross-border issues and the implementation of North American acid rain policy. His most recent publications include a book Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries: The Role of Scientists in the U.S. Acid Rain Debate (published by Praeger Press) and journal articles in the State and Local Government Review, Journal of Environmental Systems, Canadian-American Public Policy, Journal of Borderlands Studies, The Social Science Journal, and American Review of Canadian Studies. A review of his book in the American Political Science Review claimed, "Leslie Alm presents what may be the best study yet produced on the acid rain policy debate, at least with regard to its scientific underpinnings."

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, Assistant Professor, had his article "Democracy’s Effect on Economic Growth: A Pooled Time-Series Analysis," co-authored with Charles Kurzman and Regina Werum (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Emory University), published in Studies in Comparative International Development. Burkhart also had his article "The Capitalist Political Economy and Human Rights: Cross-National Evidence" published in the Social Science Journal, and his article "Attitudinal Change and Critical Pedagogy: An Exercise in a Political Science and Global Business Course," co-authored with Mohan Limaye (Department of Marketing and Finance, Boise State University) has been published in Journal of Teaching in International Business. In addition, his book chapter "Globalization, Regimes, and Development" appears in the book Coping with Globalization, edited by Steve Chan and James Scarritt (University of Colorado) and published by Frank Cass. Burkhart, along with Leslie Alm, W. David Patton (University of Utah), and James Weatherby, have had their manuscript "Political Culture and Ideology in the Mountain West: Regionalism in the State of Idaho" accepted for publication in the Social Science Journal.

Burkhart is currently working with Indra de Soysa (University of Bonn) on research examining the linkage between foreign direct investment and democracy. He is writing articles for an encyclopedia on social science research methods edited by Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa). Burkhart is also providing statistical support to Maria Chavez and Brian Wampler in the administration of a survey of the Latino migrant community in southwest and south central Idaho, funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Burkhart presented his paper "Democracy and Development: A Brief Essay Regarding Some Research Findings" last March at the seminar "Democracy and Development," sponsored by the Spanish Presidency of the European Union, in Valladolid, Spain. (He sampled plenty of *tapas* delicacies while in Valladolid and Madrid and especially liked the thin slices of *jamón.*)

Burkhart was awarded the 2002 Outstanding Faculty Service Award for teaching by the Associated Students of Boise State University. He is the faculty advisor to the Political Science Association. He chairs the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs teaching grant awards committee, serves on the Department of Political Science Scholarship Committee, and chairs the planning committee that is creating a Master of Arts degree program in Political Science at Boise State University. Burkhart also is the southwest Idaho regional director of the YMCA Youth Government, which had its annual convention in January, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science. More than 180 high school students from seven schools in the Treasure Valley participated in the one-day mock government exercise on the Boise State University campus.

Dr. Maria Chavez, Assistant Professor, presented a paper at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, held in Bellevue, Washington. She will submit a revised paper to the Social Science Quarterly. Chavez presented a paper at the Western Political Science Association in Denver, Colorado with Dr. Luis R. Fraga of Stanford University in March. Chavez also wrote the first chapter for an upcoming anthology entitled Latinos and Political Participation in the New Millennium, ed. by Sharon A. Navarro and Armando X. Mejia, Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, Forthcoming 2003.

Dr. Patricia J. Fredericksen, Associate Professor and Internship Director, assumed the position of department chair in August. She continues her research in the area of nonprofit management and the voluntary sector with co-authored papers presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference and various journal submissions. A book review focusing upon nonprofit administration texts was recently published in the Public Administration Review. Fredericksen continues working with technology applications in classes and has presented at a number of training sessions in this regard. In addition to her responsibilities in the Political Science Department, Fredericksen served as a Faculty Representative to the University’s Executive Budget Committee. On a personal note, Fredericksen, her husband and their daughters welcomed a baby boy to their family in July 2002.

Dr. John Freemuth, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, planned and helped moderate the Andrus Center conference on media coverage of western issues finishing up the white paper. He gave presentations on wilderness politics at the University of Idaho in December, on public lands politics for the University of Wyoming in Casper, Wyoming, to the Environmental Careers Organization, Paradox Politics to the 2002 Idaho Humanities Council Teacher Institute, to the Region V meeting of the American National Cattlemen, and at the Idaho State University centennial celebration. He was invited to a colloquium on forest policy by the Gallatin Writers, Missoula. In addition he gave several invited talks on the sociological aspects of fire management to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service and moderated a candidate forum for the Boise State University College Democrats.

Freemuth published a reviewed article, "Understanding the Politics of Ecological Regulation: Appropriate Use of the Concept of Ecosystem Health" in Managing for Healthy Ecosystems (CRC...
Dr. Todd Lochner, Assistant Professor, recently published an article in the *Election Law Journal* entitled "Overdeterrence, Underdeterrence, and a (Half-Hearted) Call for a Scarlet Letter Approach to Deterring Campaign Finance Violations," as well as an article in the *Justice Systems Journal* entitled "Prosecutorial Agenda Setting in United States Attorneys' Offices: The Role of U.S. Attorneys and their Assistants." He presented a paper comparing U.S. and Canadian campaign finance regulation at the May 2002 meeting of the Law and Society Association in Vancouver, British Columbia, and served as a roundtable discussant on the topic of Trends in Federal Criminal Justice Research at the September 2002 meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston. He is presently working on a research project on state-level enforcement of campaign finance regulations, a research project with Professor Gary Moncrief on Idaho State's political response to the 2000 presidential election, and a research project on decision-making by federal prosecutors (which is funded by a Boise State Faculty Research Grant). Lochner began as a member of the Academic Standards Committee last fall, and continues to serve as one of two of the University's Pre-law advisors.

Dr. Gary Moncrief, Professor, is the author of a book chapter on legislative recruitment in a new book published by the University of Michigan Press entitled, *Legislatures: Comparative Perspectives on Representative Assemblies*. He is the lead author of a research paper, "Time, Turnover and Term Limits: Trends in Membership Stability in State Legislatures," presented in March in Tucson, Arizona. His research on state legislatures led to speaking engagements at the National Conference of State Legislatures annual meeting in Denver and at the Western Legislative Academy in Colorado Springs. Moncrief has also been invited to discuss his research at conferences in Germany and Brazil, later this year.

Dr. Gregory Raymond, Professor and Director of the Honors College, published "The Evolving Strategies of Political Terrorism" in an edited book titled *The New Global Terrorism* (Prentice-Hall, 2003). In July, he conducted research in The Hague on the laws of war, and presented a research paper in Brugge, Belgium on the role of the International Court of Justice in conflict resolution. During the Fall, he presented a paper on foreign policy analysis in Washington, D.C., and a paper on democratic peace theory in Las Vegas at the western regional meeting of the International Studies Association. In addition, Raymond gave a keynote address titled "Exceptionalism and its Unilateralist Impulses: Wellsprings of America's Image Abroad" at the annual Frank Church Symposium on Public Affairs. He also delivered speeches on international terrorism at the College of Southern Idaho's Snake River Symposium on Public Affairs and at the Idaho Council for History Education Conference. Raymond has been invited to speak on American defense policy this summer at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, and at the Institut d'Études Politiques in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Dr. Steven Sallie, Associate Professor, presented a paper entitled, "An Empirical Analysis of Capitalist Globalization and Liberal Democratization: Is Religion the Missing Link?" at the annual meeting of the International Conference on the Social Sciences in Honolulu, Hawaii. Sallie gave two presentations on globalization and democratization during the Dean's Brown Bag Luncheons. He also gave a presentation, "Hot Spots: India-Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the Middle East," to the Meridian Lions Club. Sallie gave an interview about "Lec Walesa's Legacy" to the Arbiter , which was subsequently published. In addition to being an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch, Sallie also coaches girl sports for the YMCA.

Dr. Brian Wampler, Assistant Professor, is co-author of "Participatory Publics: Civil Society and New Institutions in Democratic Brazil," to be published in *Comparative Politics*. Wampler also published, "Concluding Remarks: Commonalities and Differences among Brazil's Participatory Budgeting," in *Democratic Innovations in Brazil: Participatory Budgeting*. He also did consulting work for the World Bank and produced a study, "Brazil's Participatory Budgeting: Motivations, Evidence, Claims, and Research Strategies."
In July 2002, he presented a paper in Amsterdam at the Third European Congress of Latin Americanists, titled "Expanding Accountability Through Participatory Institutions: Activists and Reformers in Brazilian Municipalities." Wampler also presented a paper at the Western Political Science Association Conference Denver, Colorado, in March.

Dr. James Weatherby, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Public Policy and Administration is completing a manuscript on Idaho politics for the University of Nebraska Press. He is working with Leslie A/n and Ross Burkhart on an Idaho regionalism project. He supervised the editing of the Idaho Legislative Manual and portions of the Idaho County Elected Officials Handbook.

He also serves as Director of The Public Policy Center and the Social Science Research Center. He serves on the Graduate Council and was a co-chair of the Dean Search Committee.


Weatherby was recently appointed chair of the Help America Vote Act State Planning Committee. He serves on the boards of directors of Sage Community Resources and the Idaho Tax Foundation.

Dr. Stephanie L. Witt, Professor and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, continues to teach courses for the graduate program in public administration. She is temporarily serving in the capacity of Dean of Extended Studies in addition to her regular duties. Witt was selected as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho in 2002.

Dr. Scott Yenor, Assistant Professor, received a fellowship from the Olin Foundation in New York this year, which has taken him from the classroom and allowed him to concentrate on his research. He is writing a book on David Hume’s political philosophy, and has authored articles on the American founding, the philosophical foundations of Christianity, and the role of commerce in the cultivation of the humane virtues.

**Political Science Alumni**

Nichael Baird Spencer (1995) is a long-range planner for Ada County. She has recently received certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners. In 1998 Spencer received her master’s in city and regional planning from Ohio State University.

James K. Ball (1993) is a partner with the law firm of Manweiler, Manweiler, Breen & Ball, PLLC, in Boise. Ball is a barrister for America’s Inns of Court No. 130 and serves as a volunteer lawyer for the Idaho Child Advocacy Program. He has served as deputy Ada County prosecuting attorney and a lobbyist for the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Ball is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law.

Patty (Davis) Bauscher (1978) is the Gooding County Assessor in Gooding, Idaho. Bauscher was the 2001 president of the Idaho Association of Assessors.


David P. Claiborne (1999) received his J.D. cum laude from Willamette College of Law in Salem, Oregon.

Jenny L. Crane Ridinger (1996) is an associate with Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton, P.A. Ridinger received her J.D. from the University of Idaho.

Elizabeth Criner (1986) joined the political and philanthropic consulting firm of Veritas Advisors as the managing partner. Prior to joining the firm, Criner served as public affairs director for Qwest’s Idaho operations and as legislative assistant to Senator Larry Craig.

Brian Crouch (1981) serves on the Idaho Falls School District #91. In 2000, Crouch was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study the Japanese school system.

Mark Denhart (1998) retired from the Idaho State Police to take a position with the federal government.

Robin Denison (1993) is the president of the Boise State Alumni Association. Denison, a local attorney, has been on the board of directors for the past five years and assisted in drafting the association’s mission statement.

Brian Eldredge (1984) is a project leader with the Fire Management Training Unit at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, where he creates and revises fire management courses for use by federal, state, and local land management agencies. Eldredge spends his summers as a member of the Great Basin Incident Management Team, managing large fires in Idaho, Utah, and Nevada.

Korrin Eveland (2001) is enrolled in the Master of Education program seeking certification. Eveland will be student teaching an American Government class at Borah High School in Boise this Fall.

Daniyel (John) Gordon (1996) is assistant general manager of Westfield Shoppingtown, Palm Desert, California. Gordon is a member of the International Counsel of Shopping Centers.

Fred Hale (2001) is a county operations trainee with the Farm Service Agency. Hale was one of five selected from a pool of 300 applicants. Within a year, he will be placed in a County Executive Director position within Idaho.

Roy D. Hansen (2002) is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program at Boise State University.

Erik Heidemann (2002) is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program at Boise State University.
Amanda Hoffman (2001) is a graduate student and graduate assistant in the Master of Public Administration program at Boise State University.

Jennifer J. Holley (2000) is an administrative assistant with the Idaho Humanities Council. She has worked for Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, Hewlett Packard, and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. Holley is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program at Boise State University.


Katie Kilgrow (2000) is the executive officer of Emergency Services for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

Larry Laverty (1985) is a television and film actor in Los Angeles, where he recently appeared in an episode of the television drama "The Practice."

Noelle Lester (2002) is the executive assistant to the First Lady of Idaho. Lester worked as a field representative for the Kempthorne for Governor Campaign in Ada County and the Magic Valley.

Jared B. Martens (1998) is a graduate of The University of Denver Law School and has his own practice. Martens was previously employed as a Deputy Public Defender for the City of Nampa.

Thomas V. Munson (1978) is a senior associate with the Boise law firm of Penland, Munther, Goodrum, Chartered in Boise. He specializes in workers’ compensation law and civil litigation. Munson earned his J.D. from the University of Idaho.

Joseph H. Pearson (1999) is currently attending Idaho State University pursuing a Masters of Public Administration and serving as the Student Activities Advisor.


Derrin Robinson (1995) is the chief deputy Harney County clerk in Hines, Oregon. He received designation as a Certified Recording Administrator (C.R.A.) and Certified Election Administrator (C.E.A.) from the Oregon Association of County Clerks Certification Program. Robinson serves on the Hines City Council and is in his second term as vice chairman of the Harney County Federal Credit Union.

Beth (Perkins) Roundtree (1992) is an adjunct professor in the Legal Assistant Program at Boise State. Roundtree is currently a litigation paralegal with Albertson's, Inc.

Michael P. Sellars (1987) is the chief of the Labor and Personnel Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

David P. Sneddon (1996) is currently co-chair of the Idaho Democratic Blue Dogs. Sneddon ran for District 16-B State Representative seat during the 2000 election and for the U.S. Senate in 2002.

Kelly Spafford (2002) is the emergency services administrator for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

Andrea P. Standlee (1993) is the director of sales for the Idaho Stampede.


T.J. Thomson (2000) is a policy analyst with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., where he interned prior to his employment. He received his Masters at Indiana University. Thomson will marry Alisha Wagemand in May.

Sean P. Walsh (2002) is attending the University of Idaho College of Law.

JoAnn E. Wandell (2002) is a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration program at Boise State University.

Mark R. Warbis (1984) was appointed communications director for U.S. Representative C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Jefferson H. West (1998) is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and is the chief of labor and employment law at Bolling AFB, D.C. West is a graduate from the University of Idaho College of Law.

Alumni, we would like to include you in this section of the News. Let us know about your past or present education, your career, or any other information you feel would be interesting reading. Please send your contributions to Tricia Trofas at the address on the reverse side, fax it to (208) 426-4370, or email to ttrofas@boisestate.edu for inclusion in the Spring 2004 edition.
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