A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR
By Dr. Patricia Fredericksen

As usual, the year has passed too quickly! 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. Our interns continue to learn about the development and implementation of public policy in placements throughout Idaho and in Washington, D.C. On campus, students explored concepts and theory in the classroom and then applied their knowledge in service-learning activities and observation of the political processes in state and local government. Our newest colleague, Susan Mason, will join us in Fall 2004. She brings a Masters Degree in Public Administration and will receive her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis this May. Her research interests in urban and regional politics complement the department and we are very pleased to welcome her to Boise State.

Our department continues to provide expertise to the community and the university. Since our last newsletter, faculty continue to receive awards for their work in the classroom (congratulations to Les Alm and Greg Raymond). Faculty members continue to hone their scholarship with conference presentations, invited lectures and direct research. Burkhart, Dick Kinney, Todd Lochner, Gary Moncrief, and Scott Yenor were awarded Faculty Research Grants from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs to travel to various national conferences and present their research. Shortly after the end of the Spring 2004 semester, we will welcome back Brian Wampler, who has been conducting research funded by the National Science Foundation in Brazil since August 2003. Congratulations to Yenor for his successful U.S. Department of Education “Teaching American History” grant. The $895,000 award supports history teachers from Nampa, Caldwell and Vallivue School Districts in Idaho with in-depth seminars aimed at enhancing their knowledge about the events and people that shaped American history. Additionally, Yenor has received a Faculty Research Award from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs to purchase textbooks and other resources to assist students in their learning the story of philosophy as it has been told in Western Civilization.

Thank you to our outstanding adjunct faculty during the 2003-2004 academic year. Christopher Innes, Bill Overton, Steve Shaw, Janet Howard, Patti Powell, Phil Choate, Steve Ackerman, Sharon Wei, Betty Richardson and Cathy Silak have offered additional courses to meet the demand for courses in law, international relations, comparative government and U.S. politics. We are also very grateful for the contributions this academic year from our two visiting colleagues. Diane Johnson joined us after completing her Ph.D. from the University of California – Santa Barbara. As a visiting assistant professor, she handled courses in comparative politics and Latin America. Bill Decker, a visiting instructor from Texas Tech University, handled a variety of policy classes while working on his dissertation.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THELMA GRAHAM, CLASS OF 2004

One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching is the opportunity to get to know your students and watch their accomplishments. Thelma Graham’s story is unique and offers a testimony to the many students who make daily sacrifices to further their education. Mrs. Graham has devoted a diligent 13 years to acquiring her bachelor’s degree (B.A. in Political Science 2004) and reports that she enjoyed every minute of it.

Dr. Diane Johnson
Bill Decker
Mrs. Thelma Graham

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**DEPARTMENT of POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
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**FACULTY HONORS**

*Dr. Les Alm* was awarded the Associated Students of Boise State University Outstanding Faculty Award for the Graduate College, 2003-2004 and the Boise State University Foundation Scholars Award for Teaching, 2002-2003.

*Greg Raymond* received two teaching excellence awards during the past year: one from the Boise State University Alumni Association as an Outstanding Faculty Member (nominated by Top 10 Scholar Kim Woods), and the other the 2003 Outstanding Teaching Award for the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, which was given by the Associated Students of Boise State University.

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**Thelma Graham's Interview continued**

(except for a brief period in POLS 298 - Introduction to Political Inquiry).

**PSN:** Please share a bit about your general background, interests and experiences.

*Mrs. Graham:* I was born the oldest of five children in Rapalje, Montana in January 1921. I married in 1940, and we started out with $200 and a 30 Model A Ford. Today, I have two children, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren with the twelfth due later this month. Since 1985, I’ve been in Ada County living with my daughter and son-in-law. I won’t be the first in the family to graduate from Boise State, as several family members already have degrees. Currently, my great granddaughter is a student at Boise State. I really enjoy school and anything related to government. I became interested in civics and politics through my goals when I was a girl, as well as my work as a precinct officer. In particular, I like to apply concepts that I learn about local government in Idaho and then apply these to other countries. My class on Canadian Politics with *Dr. Les Alm* was fascinating – Canada is so close, but so very different. I’m also enjoying the Politics of Japan with *Dr. Ross Burkhart*. After I graduate, I’ve promised myself that I’ll finish a quilt, but then who knows what I’ll do!

**PSN:** Could you describe your interests/aspirations for education? What different work experiences have you had?

*Mrs. Graham:* I decided in high school, around 1937, that I wanted to attend college and study law. I was very interested in politics and thought that I might run for office. Unfortunately, this was during the depression so there was little opportunity for me to go to college. My husband enlisted in 1943 and during that time there were many jobs for women, so I started stocking shelves in the paint department at Sears and later wrote radio advertisements. After my husband returned from the War, we adopted two children and I spent my time with them and a variety of volunteer activities including the veteran’s hospital and with political activities like precinct work. In the fifties, I started work as a secretary in a law office. During the next decade, I continued my volunteer activities and worked in a mental health center. Working in mental health policy was fascinating. It was a great outlet to talk to people and see how other people lived. After my husband passed away, I started in college at Columbia Basin College and earned my AA in 1991. I’d always wanted to attend college and believed that it would be a positive way for me to deal with my illnesses and chronic pain. Now, 13 years later I’ll have my BA. All along the way, I was never able to manage more than two classes at a time, but I stuck with it.

**PSN:** How do you think things have changed for women in terms of opportunities generally and access to education in particular?

*Mrs. Graham:* When I was in high school, women had two main options. If you were going to college, then you took a general course, but if not, then you took a secretarial course. My mother insisted on the secretarial course. I don’t think there has been much change in terms of women in society. At the time I was in high school, I couldn’t get anyone to listen to me about college or being an attorney. During WWII, it was easy to get a job at that point for women and men who were either too young or too old for the service.

**PSN:** What advice would you offer to others considering college? To an 18-year-old student? To a 70-year-old?

*Mrs. Graham:* To both it would be the same – “go for it!” For younger people, they have to realize it isn’t the same as high school. For older students, it is a beautiful way to spend life – learning. They may not want a career, but just to learn about an interesting subject. I suppose that older students may worry that the others may think they are competing for grades. It hasn’t been my experience - I’ve found them all to be jewels. It was hard to go back to school after being out for so many years. I had to brush up on my algebra! It works well for different generations to go to college together. The older students need to learn new ways and technologies. All students can learn from each other – college is a great way to fill the gaps.
Lisa Burns received a Benjamin A. Gilman award, funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to study abroad in Heredia, Costa Rica with the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) during the Spring 2004 semester. Burns, along with 64 other students from a nationwide pool were selected to receive this award.

Heredia is near the Costa Rican capitol of San Jose. Burns is taking 14 credits of Spanish, 3 credits of Latin American and Costa Rican culture and auditing an upper division tropical ecology biology course. She chose to study in Costa Rica to learn elementary Spanish and look inside Latin American politics. In addition to her coursework, Burns is learning about life in Costa Rica and Latin America everyday. She lives with a host family, dines on traditional Costa Rican staple foods, and attends cultural activities with the family or other Costa Rican students. Each weekend, she travels to a different region of Costa Rica either on an educational fieldtrip or for personal enjoyment. Burns states she “especially enjoys watching the news, reading the newspaper, and talking with people in order to gain new perspectives on international politics.” Congratulations Lisa!

Karla Vasquez received a Hispanic Scholarship Fund /Lilly Endowment Inc., scholarship for the Spring 2004 semester. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) was founded in 1975 and is the nation’s leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education and has awarded more than 61,000 scholarships nationwide. In addition to her coursework at Boise State, Vasquez has taken a full-time job with Wells Fargo Bank. Congratulations Karla!

Joseph Kalange was selected as the Second Place winner in the Research-based Essay Category of the 2003 President’s Writing Awards Contest in April 2003 at Boise State University. Congratulations Joseph!

Richard Hachtel presented the Student Address at the Spring 2003 Commencement Ceremony. Hachtel graduated on May 17, 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Summa Cum Laude, Distinguished Honors) in Political Science, International Relations Emphasis.
**Scholarships**

The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2003-2004 Academic Year:

- Mallory Atkinson
- Rachel Balcerzak
- Robert Green
- Hannalore Ferber
- Jared Hoskins
- Ali Sohail Ishaq
- Joseph Kalange
- Deborah Mitchell, Political Science/English Scholarship
- Leobardo Morales
- Kathryn Neal
- Jonathan Nelson
- Shea Robison
- Kenneth Rock, Willard Overgaard Political Science Scholarship
- Carrie Wheeler, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in Political Science
- Heidi Winkelman

**Dean’s List – Spring 2003**

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding achievement and inclusion on the Dean’s list:

- Robert J. Allen
- Mallory L. Atkinson
- Rachel E. Balcerzak
- James R. Bang
- Katy L. Beckmann
- Faune D. Berthelot
- Jerry D. Breckon
- Darrell D. Brower
- Lisa A. Burns
- Dean D. Camp
- Aaron J. Canfield
- Craig L. Churella
- Joel C. Clark
- Brent J. Crane
- Scott V. Dewey
- Nikki R. Drake
- Lee C. Dudley
- Jennifer L. Edwards
- Stefannie J. Ellis
- Corey C. Eyre
- Thomas W. Fassino
- Hannelore M. Ferber
- Megan M. Franklin
- Michael J. Hanby
- Joshua P. Hasket
- Travis K. Hawkley
- Jeremy B. Henn
- Chetan R. Horvath
- Jared C. Hoskins
- LaDonna J. Jeffs
- Erin S. Lowe
- Zachary E. Mallavia
- Drue M. McCombs
- Jesse R. Menlove
- Anna M. Merkley
- Deborah J. Mitchell
- Michael E. Monroe
- Katie L. Murdock
- Nicole R. Napier
- Brittany L. Nelson
- Daniel J. Paulson
- Daniel J. Pierce
- Kelly J. Pierce
- Shea K. Robison
- Kenneth M. Rock
- Maria E. Rollins
- Melodie K. Routsen
- Rafael Saakyan
- Marcus G. Schmidt
- Christopher Siegenthaler
- Craig D. Stacey
- Jade C. Stacey
- Cody J. Stoddard
- Katherine H. Sullins
- Lea M. Sweat
- Sabrina M. Whitehead
- Jacie M. Wilcock

**Dean’s List – Fall 2003**

- Mallory L. Atkinson
- James R. Bang
- Carissa M. Black
- Jerry D. Breckon
- Christina D. Case
- Joel C. Clark
- Brent J. Crane
- Cynthia A. Curry
- Emily D. Davis
- Eileen R. DeShazo
- Lee C. Dudley
- Stefannie J. Ellis
- Brian A. Ertz
- Hannelore M. Ferber
- Megan M. Franklin
- Jessica L. Gearino
- James D. Gould
- Joshua P. Hasket
- Jared C. Hoskins
- Jeremiah M. Hudson
- Carrie R. Humphreys
- Ali S. Ishaq
- Dietrich Johnson
- Lindsey N. LeBoeuf
- Jesse R. Menlove
- Amber R. Messa
- Deborah J. Mitchell
- Katie L. Murdock
- Katie M. Murphy
- Megan B. Myers
- Kathryn M. Neal
- Brittany L. Nelson
- Lauren J. Paul
- Daniel J. Paulson
- Tammy R. Perkins
- Matthew S. Reddington
- Michael W. Reed
- Brandi E. Rhoads
- Shea K. Robison
- Brian M. Sandifer
- Cheryl A. Shrader
- Michael G. Small
- Lauren B. Snead
- Jade C. Stacey
- Cody J. Stoddard
- Katherine H. Sullins
- Richard D. Surber
- Jordan E. Thiel
- Adam T. Uhlenkott
- Sabrina M. Whitehead
- Heidi C. Winkelman

**Student Leaders at Boise State**

Political Science majors and minors involved in student government at Boise State are: Ali Ishaq, President; James Wolfe, Vice President; Evangeline Beechler, Election Board Chair; Heather Campbell, Pamela McGee, and Lea Sweat, Senators-at-Large; Robert Green, Senator; Jared Hoskins, Director of Recycling; and Jennifer Scott, Executive Coordinator and Senator-at-Large.
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! Many of our students took advantage of the internship program during the 2003-2004 academic year.

Summer 2003
- Tabielle Antchekov, Agency for New Americans
- Treena Clark, Association of Idaho Cities
- Stefannie Ellis, American Civil Liberties Union
- Shawn Munsey, U.S. Pretrial Services
- Stephanie Raddatz, USDA Forest Service—Boise National Forest
- Joshua Townsend, Agency for New Americans
- Karla Vasquez, Senator Larry Craig’s Office

Fall 2003
- Rachel Balcerzak, Office of the Attorney General—Criminal Division
- Aaron Calkins, Congressman Mike Simpson’s Office
- Aaron (A.J.) Eaton, Dave Bieter for Mayor
- Roy Hansen, Senator Mike Crapo’s Office
- Rich Koepplin, IDFG Communication Bureau
- Jason McFarlane, Department of Commerce—Division of Economic Development
- Stephanie Raddatz, USDA Forest Service—Boise National Forest
- James Reiff, Idaho Attorney General’s Office
- Jenny Singleton, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Craig Stacey, Killeen Campaign
- Brandie M. Wilson, Bieter for Boise

Spring 2004
- Kelly Andrews, American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho
- Erin Burnham, JFAC, Idaho State Legislature
- Gonzalo Callison, New Student Information Center, Boise State University
- Heather Campbell, Idaho Republican Party
- Kelly Cunningham, Service Employees International Union
- Eileen DeShazo, Sierra Club
- Stefannie Ellis, Idaho State Legislature

Peter J. Erlendson, Boise Chamber of Commerce
Robert J. Green, Idaho Association of Highway Districts
Chetan Horvath, Voters for Outdoor Idaho
Steve Hurst, Idaho State Legislature
Jason MacFarlane, Idaho Department of Commerce—Office of Science and Technology
Leo Morales, Idaho Community Action Network
Katie Murdock, Idaho State Legislature
Nathan Neal, Idaho Republican Party
Sean Peterson, Idaho State Legislature
Jennifer Scott, US Attorney’s Office
Esther Tolson, Idaho State Legislature
Sabrina Whitehead, City of Boise Planning and Development Services
Brandie Wilson, Sunrise Agency
Heidi Winkeman, Union Pacific Railroad

POLITICAL SCIENCE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON, MARCH 2, 2004
On March 2, 2004, the Department of Political Science and the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, co-sponsored the Recognition Lunch. The purpose of the lunch was to create a closer community within the Political Science Department at Boise State. In addition, the lunch recognizes all Political Science Association members, internship students and their supervisors representing the Political Science Department, and Pi Sigma Alpha members, including new inductees, for their hard work this year.

Former Governor Cecil D. Andrus was the featured guest speaker. His speech was warmly received by the audience. Governor Andrus briefly talked about political topics ranging from funding of education to nuclear waste storage in Idaho. He concluded his address by making a call to all students to stay politically aware and active in their communities. In addition to giving his speech, Governor Andrus was given an honorary Pi Sigma Alpha membership.

Pi Sigma Alpha honored its current members and inducted new members. Pi Sigma Alpha membership includes Jerry Breckon, Darrell Brower, Lisa Burns, Hannelore Ferber, Jessica Gearino, Melissa Hovey, Carrie Humphreys, Joseph Kalange, Michael Kastens, Tami Monek, Peter Mills, Dan Paulson, Ken Rock, Lauren Snead and Katherine Sullins. The current officers for Pi Sigma Alpha are Cody Stoddard, President; Robert Green, Vice President; Andrew Stith, Secretary; and Debbie Mitchell, Treasurer.

The Xi Chi Chapter and the Department of Political Science would like to thank the National Pi Sigma Alpha organization for the grant which helped to fund this event and the Boise State Bookstore for contributing Boise State bumper stickers.

The members of Pi Sigma Alpha would like to thank two individuals who keep the organization running: Dr. Scott Yenor, who is the advisor, and Tricia Trofast, who is the administrative coordinator. Both these individuals have worked hard this year to keep the organization running smoothly and steadily.

For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at ttrofast@boisestate.edu or call 426-1458.

Ambassadors are a select group of dedicated students appointed to represent the student body and help with various university activities. Political Science majors and minors Tabielle Antchekov, Katie Bach, Darrell Brower, Kendal Burgemeister, and Maria Rollins are currently serving as Ambassadors for Boise State University. If you are interested in serving as a Boise State Ambassador, contact Niki Stover, Ambassador Advisor at 426-2715.
Well another year has come and gone, and the Political Science Association (PSA) has again provided for some incredible opportunities to students and community members. We have continued to try to involve students with political issues, inform students and the community on political topics, enrich student-faculty interaction, and give to the community through various outreach and service projects. Strong organizations are key to creating a more enjoyable and more successful college experience. By opening up our membership and our meetings to all Boise State students (not just political science majors), we feel that we create opportunities for students to become engaged, involved and valued members of their college community.

Once again, we began our event series with Law School Night where Dr. Todd Lochner and Former U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson provided useful information to a large group of law-school hopefuls. Attendees described Mrs. Richardson’s presentation as informative, entertaining and inspirational. Mrs. Richardson continues to motivate and inform students this Spring Semester as an Adjunct Professor of Constitutional Law. The semester progressed with our Internship Evening where Political Science Departmental Chair, Dr. Patricia Fredericksen, promoted the value of a political science internship by inviting several seasoned interns and their supervisors to discuss intern opportunities in a panel format. Internships within the department have served many of our members well, and we are excited to continue to promote them.

PSA provided a valuable and successful service to the students of Boise State and the members of the Boise community last year by way of a city council forum in October. At this event, all but one of the city council candidates appeared in the Jordan Ballroom to promote their campaigns and answer student and community member questions. This event received heavy media coverage including spots on three local news stations, mention in The Idaho Statesman newspaper and a full-page cover story in the Arbiter newspaper. The incredible success of this event has motivated us to create a similar forum for next year’s state legislative candidates.

As Christmas approached, PSA once again donated monies to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program to purchase Christmas presents for the underprivileged children they serve. Our tradition of lending assistance to the annual YMCA Youth Government Program continued this year. On January 7th, our members volunteered to lead discussion groups made up of high school students and community members on topics of interest to Idaho state government. We will also assist this program during its statewide event at the end of the spring semester.

Throughout each semester, we try to provide a couple of opportunities for members and interested students to get together and discuss politics and the study of such over a casual meal. During the Spring Semester, we recommence our professor research presentation series. For this event, we invite political science professors to come speak about their current or recent research to interested students. These sessions have been great successes.

The Political Science Recognition Lunch took place on March 2nd this year. The PSA was honored alongside members and new inductees of Pi Sigma Alpha (The National Political Science Honor Society), political science interns and intern supervisors. This year’s lunch featured former Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus as the keynote speaker. He encouraged everyone present to stay involved in the politics of the world around us.

As always, PSA will finish the year with its annual Faculty/Student Dinner. We believe that social interaction between faculty and students can and does serve to break down communication barriers and encourages a higher degree of academic performance between both parties.

The Political Science Association succeeds because of its talented and committed members. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our executive members: Vice President Melodie Sanford, Treasurer A. J. Eaton, Secretary Tara Farmer, and Interim Secretary Jamie McGinnis. Without them, my experience as association president would not have been as meaningful and productive as it was. Finally, there is one person whose wisdom and endless kindness encourage us all to keep going no matter what obstacles we face. As our faculty advisor and my personal friend, Dr. Ross Burkhart has my respect and my gratitude. Thank you Dr. Burkhart.

For further information on PSA, please contact Dr. Burkhart at 426-3980 or rburkhar@boisestate.edu.
MEET SOME OF OUR ADJUNCTS

Patti Powell was born and raised in Boise and is a Boise State Theatre Arts graduate as well as a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. A 20 year attorney, Powell has practiced almost exclusively in the public sector as a deputy attorney general in Idaho, Washington and Montana. She was an assistant professor of criminal justice and political science at Northern State University in South Dakota. Currently, she is serving as the Chief Legal Advisor to the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. Powell is a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, having prevailed before that Court in a weapons enhancement/criminal sentencing matter.

Betty Richardson, formerly served as U.S. Attorney for Idaho and as Chairwoman and attorney member of the Idaho Industrial Commission. Richardson received her J.D. from Hastings College of the Law where she was a teaching assistant in Torts, Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law. Richardson is currently teaching Constitutional Law, and in prior years she taught Family Law and American Government at Boise State.

Brook Smith, political science and MPA graduate, Boise State University, teaches American National Government and State and Local Government for the Department of Political Science. While she was completing her MPA, she worked as a Graduate Assistant for the Department of Public Policy and Administration. Smith is a Performance Evaluator for the Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho State Legislature.

Dr. H.C. Sharon Wei holds a Ph.D. degree in Urban Studies from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and a Master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley. Wei came to Idaho from Florida where she taught in the International Studies Program of the Department of Government and Public Affairs at the University of South Florida in Tampa. This semester she is teaching POLS 497 Social, Political and Economic Issues of Contemporary China and next fall semester she will teach “China in World Politics.” Wei also teaches Mandarin Chinese in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Boise State.

‘BOISE STATE DAY’ AT THE LEGISLATURE

Boise State faculty, students and staff were encouraged to visit the Statehouse Wednesday, January 21, 2004 for Boise State Day. The event highlighted cutting-edge research by Boise State’s professors, undergraduate and graduate students. Among the 24 projects on display were research projects by political science students.
POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMS ON THE MOVE…

Jacque Amoureux

Jacque Amoureux received her Bachelor of Science in political science in 1999 and Master of Public Administration degree in 2001 both from Boise State University. She enrolled in the Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Iowa in August 2001. Her emphasis is international relations, and in her research she focuses on Latin American politics. Amoureux has had her work published in the Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods.

PSN: Since you received your bachelor’s degree, you have been doing post-graduate work. Why did you enter the Master of Public Administration Program?

Amoureux: I entered the MPA program because I knew that I wanted to continue my education and perhaps work in government.

PSN: How did that experience contribute toward your education and career goals?

Amoureux: Through the study of public administration issues and my internship with the Idaho Division of Human Resources, I brought to my later graduate studies in political science a more intimate knowledge of government and how it works. This knowledge has been useful in my own research projects and political science classes.

PSN: Now you are at the University of Iowa. Why are you seeking a doctorate?

Amoureux: I’m pursuing a Ph.D. because I found that my inquisitive personality would be satisfied best in academia. I also found myself observing world events and wondering how they came about. Professor Ross Burkhart’s classes were particularly inspiring because he coupled current compelling events with theory. I began to gain an appreciation for how political science could speak to important world problems.

PSN: What courses have you completed?

Amoureux: I’ve completed many courses in comparative politics, international relations, political theory and methods at Iowa. Two recent classes that I particularly enjoyed are Liberalism and Multiculturalism and Qualitative Methods. I also successfully passed the Qualifying Exam in Comparative Politics last semester.

PSN: In what ways is studying for a doctoral degree in graduate school different from your undergraduate education?

Amoureux: There is a lot more reading, writing and critical analysis, but they pay you for it (at least enough to scrape by).

PSN: What advice would you give a person who is thinking about going on to graduate school?

Amoureux: Ask a lot of questions—of your undergraduate professors and prospective programs. Not all programs are alike.

PSN: Have you had any memorable experiences so far, for example, presenting a paper at political science conference? What have they been? Why have they been so memorable?

Amoureux: One year ago I spent my winter break in the Brazilian Amazon on a research fellowship, something I never imagined myself doing. When I talked to indigenous peoples in the Amazon, I felt as though I was really practicing political science, but the best part was fishing for piranhas.

I will be presenting two papers at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association during Spring Break in Montreal, which I’m sure will be memorable.

PSN: What do you see yourself doing in five or ten years from now?

Amoureux: I hope to be teaching and doing research.

PSN: Finally, do you still ride your bike? Have you used it for any cross-country trips?

Amoureux: I ride my bike all over Iowa City. I’ve taken several car trips to destinations across Iowa, including the covered bridges in Madison County and the Maquoketa caves. I’ve even frolicked in Iowa’s native prairie grasses.
Tracy Hall received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Boise State University in December of 1998. She has worked for the State of Idaho, regularly participated in political party activities, and assisted in several political campaigns.

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

**Hall:** Scheduler and Administrative Secretary to the Mayor of Boise.

**PSN:** What do you do in your current position?

**Hall:** I schedule meetings for the Mayor with city officials, employees, community organizations, and constituents, and make arrangements for him to speak at various events throughout the community. I also draft his personal correspondence, issue proclamations from the city, and help organize Mayor’s office-sponsored events, such as Burgers for Bikes.

**PSN:** How did you get your current position?

**Hall:** I held the same position on the mayoral campaign. During our transition period, between the election and the swearing in ceremony, I staffed the transition office in City Hall.

**PSN:** In what ways, if any, have you used your political science education in your political work in the past?

**Hall:** My first practical political work experience came during the 2002 election cycle. I was a staff member for Ambassador Alan Blinken during his U.S. Senate campaign. Although that bid was unsuccessful, it provided me the experience and contacts to become a legislative assistant for the Idaho Senate Minority Office. After the end of the session, I joined the Dave Bieter for Mayor campaign. Due to my political science education, I was able to apply and add to my knowledge of politics on a federal, state and local level.

**PSN:** Did you have an internship? If yes, in what ways has it helped?

**Hall:** Yes, with the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. That experience helped my understanding of the process of lobbying, as well as understanding the needs of the business community.

**PSN:** I know you have been on the job for a short time. Have you encountered any particularly interesting or surprising experiences so far?

**Hall:** In just two months of working for the city, I am constantly reminded of all the important functions a city provides. Whether it is providing safe water, controlling sprawl, or providing shelter for the homeless, the city is much more about being practical than theoretical.

The amount of citizen involvement in city politics is encouraging as well. Everyone seemed so ready for a new administration that the first few weeks were filled with constant questions and inquiries. I think everyone was just ready for a new start.

**PSN:** How have your experiences working for the city affected your future education and career plans?

**Hall:** I would like to go back to school and get my Master’s in Public Administration. This degree would be useful in the practical aspects of working in any governmental entity. Working for the city in this capacity will help me determine what governmental path I may be more inclined to follow – state or local.

**PSN:** What do you see yourself doing in five or ten years from now?

**Hall:** At some point in the future, I would like to lead a non-profit organization. I find that would provide a balance of making a difference in the community and continuing my political involvement.

**PSN:** What advice would you give a person who is thinking about working in local government on how to prepare for such work?

**Hall:** The best and most thorough way is to participate in municipal campaigns. Mayoral and City Council races give you the opportunity to understand issues important to the city as well as a broad understanding of possible solutions. Campaigns provide a great learning ground to discover a great deal about the community in a short period of time.
One of the perks that faculty and staff enjoy in the Department of Political Science is the opportunity to see our students graduate and later hear about their exciting accomplishments after leaving our undergraduate classes. We love to hear from everyone! Recently, Dr. Fredericksen had the opportunity to speak with Jason Morgan and asked him to tell us about his work and experiences in law school. Not surprisingly, she asked him to talk about his preparation for law school, his current position, and the role that an internship played.

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

**Morgan**: I am a first year associate in the corporate department in the Los Angeles office of a large multi-national law firm.

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

**Morgan**: Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP. We have over 900 attorneys in 16 offices worldwide.

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

**Morgan**: I represent various business entities in all aspects of corporate and business law, including mergers and acquisitions, private placements, public offerings, securities regulation and general representation.

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

**Morgan**: I interviewed through the on campus interview program at my law school, Loyola Law School, as a 2nd year student. I then spent 12 weeks with the Firm between my second and third year of law school. After my summer the Firm extended me a full time offer to join after I took the bar exam. Thus, I started in Fall of 2003. I worked as a “law clerk” until I received my California Bar results in November 2004 (thankfully I passed as I did not want to take it a second time).

**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?

**Morgan**: Yes, my political science course work was very helpful. Especially the law related classes, as my interest in the law was stimulated by many professors and subjects at Boise State. Former Professor Dan Levin really gave me a head start in learning the legal method of analysis and incorporating this analysis into my writing. Consequently, I felt as though I had a head start on many of law school classmates. Furthermore, political science courses require exemplary writing skills as nearly all of my professors used essay exams to evaluate the class. This skill is a necessity in law school and the legal profession.

**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?

**Morgan**: I worked as an intern in the Democratic Caucus of the Idaho State Senate. The internship was a great resume builder and certainly helped me get my current job. The internship again honed my writing skills as I was allowed to draft written constituent response letters on behalf of some of the Senators. Additionally, my internship was a great opportunity to learn to interact with people on a professional level. I was forced to interact with high ranking state officials daily. This was certainly useful training for my current interactions with the partners and senior associates I work for here in L.A., as well as my previous jobs working for the Arizona State Supreme Court and a Federal Judge here in Los Angeles.

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

**Morgan**: I think my most meaningful accomplishment was finishing at the top of my law school class. This allowed me to get a job at Paul Hastings which will translate to wonderful opportunities throughout my career. We now have 16 offices in the continental U.S. and scattered throughout the world, and I will have chances for travel and work in different offices and countries through my position as an associate.

The most meaningful aspect of my actual work thus far is that I can see that even though I am often the most junior lawyer on the deals I have worked on, it is made clear to me that every person matters. Thus, I have been able to see how a small ancillary document I spent hours working on makes a difference is a large and complex deal.

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

**Morgan**: My current plans are to advance here at my Firm. I see myself being here at least five years. We have an eight year partnership track and I hope to have the opportunity to someday make partner. However, if I am unable to cope with the grueling hours for the next eight years I will have gained a wealth of business and legal knowledge to venture out on my own.

I would ultimately like to start my own business (not necessarily a law firm) and incorporate the knowledge I have learned through the practice of law to make it a success. I am excited to see where I will end up ten years from now. I suppose I should also mention that I would also like to have a family and of course a wife (currently dating another lawyer as she was the only person who would go out with me). Wish me luck.
Jeremy Sauer received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Boise State University in 2002. While at Boise State, he was involved in the National Society of Scabbard and Blade and the Ranger Challenge Team. Sauer was awarded the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Silver Medal, The Reserve Officers Association of the United States Gold Medal, and The Association of the United States Army Medal. In addition, he was also a distinguished military graduate of the Army ROTC program at Boise State and was commissioned in the Army and graduated Summa Cum Laude in May of 2002. Sauer recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq and the following details some of his experiences.

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

**Sauer:** I am a platoon leader in a UH-60 Blackhawk company serving with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

**PSN:** What training did you receive for this position?

**Sauer:** Four years of Army ROTC at Boise State followed by 14 months of flight school at Fort Rucker, AL.

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

**Sauer:** I am a Blackhawk pilot and platoon leader. As an aviator, I fly utility helicopters which mainly conduct combat support operations. As a leader, I supervise 14 soldiers and am responsible for their health, welfare, training, and combat readiness. I am also responsible for four UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and ground equipment in excess of $40 million.

**PSN:** What insights have you gained about the people of Iraq and their culture?

**Sauer:** Because of my position, I very rarely interacted with any of the local population. However, through simple observation, I believe the Iraqi people to be strong willed and hard working. I enjoyed learning a lot about Middle-Eastern culture, many aspects of which have remained unchanged for thousands of years. What I found interesting was that American culture influences even the most remote villages in Iraq. American name brand clothes, food, and music are favorites throughout the land.

**PSN:** What have been your most memorable experiences so far?

**Sauer:** Aside from flight school, which was very fun, my most memorable experiences were spent in Iraq, flying to some of the most historical places on Earth. While there I sought out many Biblical landmarks and was able to tour several palaces. Flying in Iraq gave me an eagle’s eye view of some of the world’s oldest civilizations.

**PSN:** What affect will your service in Iraq have on your future education and career plans?

**Sauer:** Although I still plan on making the military a career, I do look forward to attending graduate school. I am very interested in diplomacy and military studies and hope to get back in school as soon as possible. Being able to assist our country in developing relations with others, as well as rebuilding nations’ governments seems like interesting and rewarding work.

**PSN:** What do you see yourself doing in five or ten years from now?

**Sauer:** Five years from now I plan to be a Blackhawk company commander. The location of that position will not be determined for several years. I’m flexible though and will be happy anywhere the Army sends me.
MacArthur first exhibited his defiant attitude at the close of WWII, by refusing to follow a presidential order to return from Japan, where he enjoyed power and autonomy, to the United States. MacArthur continued to conduct foreign policy as he saw fit, in his capacity as Commander in Chief of the United Nations Command, during the Korean War. Although he was later supported by President Truman, MacArthur violated U.S. policy by ordering the Far East Air Forces to bomb airfields north of the 38th parallel. MacArthur continued his disobedience by exceeding his authority and negotiating with Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan, committing the equipment, transportation, and logistical support of the U.S., and then issuing criticism of Truman’s position on Formosa. MacArthur continued his embarrassing and insubordinate acts, and “from then on, [he] tested the authority of his Commander in Chief and the Joint Chiefs on an almost weekly basis.”

Johnson describes MacArthur's final insult to presidential authority as the letter he wrote to House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin. MacArthur used Representative Martin as a “conduit to publicly express his critical views.” As a result of MacArthur’s insubordination, Truman relieved him of his various commands. Johnson supports Truman’s decision to release MacArthur, because his “challenge to the president’s authority embarrassed the Truman administration, caused confusion among the allies and degraded U.S. leadership in the West.”

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to teach new courses throughout my tenure in the Department of Political Science. It is always fun to learn a new subject. There are instances, though, when my learning curve has been quite steep. This is the case for two courses that I am currently scheduled to teach on a regular rotation: “Politics in Japan,” and “Canadian Politics.” I have had a general interest in these subjects for a number of years, but have not had formal training in teaching them. I needed help, and help came my way, in the form of two “immersion institutes” that I attended last summer.

The first institute I attended was in late May and early June (three weeks). The Freeman Institute for Infusing Japanese Studies Into the Curriculum, organized by Dr. Joe Overton of Kapiolani Community College, Honolulu, provided me with content, pedagogy, and an enhanced understanding of Japanese society through seminars, activities, and camaraderie with colleagues who were seeking the same thing I was: to teach our respective courses with Japanese content better. There were 20 of us at the Institute, from all over the U.S. and many different academic disciplines. The Institute was based at Tokai University in Waikiki, Honolulu. An obvious advantage to it being housed in Honolulu was not only the consistently excellent weather, but also the proximity to experts in the field from various local campuses. The University of Hawaii is home to the East-West Center, a federally-funded center devoted to the study of countries such as Japan. We had, therefore, a cadre of expertise to draw upon as we learned about Japanese politics, history, economics, sociology, literature, theater, and art. We even had a fun language class each morning, “Ohayoo gozaimasu, sensei!” We tried our best to “become Japanese” for three weeks, as we viewed flower arranging in the ikebana manner, participated in the tea ceremony, watched Vietnamese water puppet shows, marched in an “East-West Parade” while holding up (literally) a one-ton float of a good-luck ox, and visited Pearl Harbor, a place forever tied to Japan. (Sadly, the oil from the hold of the sunken USS Arizona, a tomb to 1177 sailors who lost their lives on December 7, 1941, still bubbles its way to the harbor’s surface.)

I filled my notebook with notes, especially ones that assisted me in grasping the nuances of the Japanese parliamentary form of government, with an Emperor and a constitutional renouncement of war as a foreign policy tool. I shipped academic books and papers
that I acquired back to Boise, and filled my memory reservoir with fond remembrances of my colleagues and new friends, professors, and adventures. One night, while hiking late in a park north of the University of Hawaii campus, we encountered a wild boar that showed its displeasure with us via grunting from within the underbrush, as opposed to charging us on the trail. Whew! One weekend, four of us flew to the “Big Island” for a weekend of motoring around the island, spending a (rare) sunny day in Hilo on the windward side of the island, walking in the Volcanoes National Park and sniffing the sulfuric fumes from the active volcanoes, and watching cattle graze on mountainsides—all within 50 miles of each other. I realized that these Hawaiian microclimates in a small space reflect the natural beauty in cramped spaces that the Japanese see on their densely populated Pacific Ocean island.

The second institute I attended was the Alberta Summer Research Institute, organized by Kevin Cook, Academic Officer from the Canadian Consulate in Seattle. Boise State belongs to the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium, and Consortium faculty who will teach Canadian content in their courses are eligible to participate in the Institute. “Captain” Cook crafted for us a wonderful whirlwind tour of Alberta, Idaho’s “sister province,” in twelve days in mid-July. The weather was perfect for touring, a quintessentially high and dry Western sunny sky prevailing in daytime and the aurora borealis making its presence known at night, even in the bright city lights of Calgary, our first stop on the tour. We were housed at the University of Calgary, the Banff Centre, the Faculté Saint-Jean at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and the University of Lethbridge. The Banff Centre, situated snugly in the Canadian Rockies, was blessed with a particularly stunning backdrop for a series of Canadian culture and arts seminars. The next day, after dining at the Banff Springs Hotel, one of the world’s grand hotels, we drove the Columbia Icefields Parkway and stopped from time to time to walk on glaciers and spot various fauna (black bear, bighorn sheep, elk). Wild Idaho, wild Alberta.

Everywhere we went, we were showered by Albertans with facts and friendliness as they showed us their province, through seminars at the host universities, tours through the Calgary Stampede (which was taking place during our visit), the Calgary Drop-In Centre homeless shelter, the University of Alberta Agriculture Extension Farms outside of Edmonton, and onto dinosaur fossil territory in the Drumheller badlands of south-central Alberta. We were impressed with the modernity of the Albertan economy, and its utter dependency on the US. Alberta’s exports are almost entirely to the US (88% in 2002), and it supplies two-thirds of the US natural gas imports. Alberta’s beef industry sustained a heavy blow when BSE was discovered in one cow in May of 2003; the US closed its border to all Canadian beef until December 2003. Based on 2002 data, Canada lost approximately $1.53 billion dollars from the Canadian beef ban in the US. Yet Canadian agriculture is not just about beef; the canola fields in southern Alberta attest to that. Alberta’s natural resources are plentiful, and fuelled (literally) the province’s economic renaissance in the 1970s and 1980s. The oil sands in far northern Alberta, in the boreal forest, hold 1.7 trillion barrels of reserve, and oil wells dot the landscape throughout the province. In this sense, Alberta mirrors the path to wealth of Canada, where natural resources constitute the majority of the country’s export commodities.

Alberta does depart from much of Canada in its conservative political leanings; 87% of the provincial legislature seats are held by the Progressive Conservative Party (ideologically like moderate Republicans in the US), and 92% of the federal House of Commons parliamentary seats reserved for Alberta are held by the Conservative Party of Canada and the Progressive Conservative Party. Alberta’s distinctive style of “Western politics” mirrors that of its sister state, Idaho. It is also the most “pro-US” province, with its Premier (equivalent in duties to a US state governor), Ralph Klein, declaring that Alberta would support the Bush Administration’s prosecution of the war in Iraq, even if the federal government in Ottawa did not. Needless to say, this proclamation caused much debate in the province, and even though Klein commanded an 80% majority in the Legislative Assembly, he had to tone down his statement of support. Alberta’s democracy in action…. Thus, as in Honolulu, learning all of this left me with much to ponder about a country new to me in a teaching sense. I have had the luxury of ruminating on all that I saw last summer as I prepared my courses, and I feel most fortunate to have seen, through both the eyes of experts and my own, what I will be teaching to my students.
COMPARATIVE STATE POLITICS WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the Extended Studies Program, the Political Science Department conducted a 1 credit workshop entitled “Behind the Scenes in the Idaho Legislature” in February of 2004. The workshop was organized and led by Dr. Gary Moncrief. The two day program included presentations by the following people:

- Boise State President Robert Kustra (a political scientist and former Illinois state legislator and Lt. Governor)
- Carl Bianchi, Director of the Legislative Services Office
- a panel of District 17 freshmen Representatives Kathie Garrett, Janet Miller and Senator Elliot Werk
- a panel of veteran legislators including former Representative Celia Gould (A Boise State political science graduate), Senator John Andreason (Chair of the Commerce and Human Resources Committee), Senator Bart Davis (majority leader) and Senator Joe Stegner (assistant majority leader)
- Representative Wendy Jaquet (House minority leader)
- a panel of lobbyists, including Dr. Jim Weatherby (Chair, Boise State Department of Public Policy and Administration), Maggie Mahoney (Idaho Association of Counties) and Andrea Mihm (Sullivan & Reberger)
- a panel of political reporters, including Bob Fick (Associated Press), John Hanian (KBCTV) and Wayne Hoffman (Idaho Statesman)

Fifty students took part in the workshop.

Dr. Todd Lochner Resigns

It is with much sadness that we bid farewell to Dr. Todd Lochner. He has accepted an adjunct-track teaching position with Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, to begin Fall 2004.

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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 of Political Science and Director of Admissions for the Department of Public Policy and Administration, continues to emphasize research involving the science-policy linkage to environmental policymaking, especially as it applies to Canada–United States relations. In 2003, _The American Review of Canadian Studies_ published an article co-authored by Alm and Leah Taylor titled “Alberta and Idaho: An Implicit Bond.” In fall 2003, Alm presented a paper titled “A Matter of Science: Canada, the United States and Acid Rain” at the biennial meeting of The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

Alm serves on the university Student Conduct Board, the University Service Learning Advisory Council, and the Idaho State Supreme Court Grants and Special Projects Team.

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, Associate Professor, had his article “Open Borders, Open Regimes? Testing Causal Direction between Globalization and Democracy, 1970-2000,” co-authored with Indra de Soysa (Trondheim University, Norway) published in _ZEF Discussion Papers on Development Policy_, no. 67. Burkhart also had the following series of entries published in _The SAGE Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods_, edited by Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa), Alan Bryman (Loughborough University, United Kingdom), and Tim Futing Liao (University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign and University Of Essex, United Kingdom): “Culvilinearity,” “Modeling,” “Threshold,” and “Skewed.”

Burkhart is currently writing a book chapter on “The Impact of Globalization on National Institutions and Politics in the United States,” for the book _North American Politics: Globalization and Culture_, edited by Yasmeen Abu-Laban (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada), Radha Jhappan (Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada), and François Rocher (Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada). The book will be published by Broadview Press. Burkhart is also writing papers to be presented at conferences in Portland and Montreal this spring.

Over the summer, Burkhart participated in two significant teaching institutes. He participated in the month-long Japan Studies Association Freeman Institute for Infusing Japanese Studies into the Curriculum, at Tokai University, Honolulu, Hawaii. He also participated in the two-week Alberta Summer Research Institute in Alberta, Canada. Both of these institutes have helped Burkhart tremendously in his course curriculum development.

Burkhart is the faculty advisor to the Political Science Association and he serves on the Department of Political Science Scholarship Committee. Burkhart is also 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 160 high school students from five schools in the Treasure Valley participated in the one-day mock government exercise on the Boise State campus, braving a six-inch snowstorm to participate!

Bill Decker, Visiting Assistant Professor, comes to Boise State from Texas Tech University where he is ABD in Political Science. Decker holds Masters degrees in Economics, Agricultural Economics, and Public Administration from Baylor University, Michigan State University, and Texas Tech University respectively.

His research interests include public network management, natural resource management, environmental policy, Native American policy, urban politics, and security studies.

Dr. Patricia J. Fredericksen, Associate Professor, Chair, and Internship Director, has expanded her research in the area of nonprofit and public sector collaboration with a co-authored study (with Brook Smith) on neighborhood associations in the western United States presented at the American Society for Public Administration in March 2004. She also continued work in nonprofit development and grant writing as a reviewer with the Idaho Americorps State Competitive Grants in Spring 2003. Fredericksen continued 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 completed the final year of her four-year term on the University’s Executive Budget Committee.

Dr. John Freemuth, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, wrote a white paper, “Dateline the West,” for the Andrus Center for Public Policy conference and reviewed manuscripts for the University of Kansas Press, _Society and Natural Resources_, and _Bioscience_. Freemuth gave presentations to the Natural Resources Division of the Idaho Attorney General’s Office, BLM National Public Affairs conference, Southwest Idaho RC and D Council, BLM Fire RX-310 Course, Army Corps of Engineers Leadership Development program, and the National Forest Supervisor Conference. He served as a panelist for the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment (PEER) and moderated four Idaho Environmental Forums, as well as the Bureau of Reclamation’s Water 2025 regional meeting. Freemuth served as a member of the Potlatch Community Advisory Committee, as chair of the Political Science search committee, the Boise School District Equity Task Force, University Foundation Award for Service Committee, NASPAA site visit review team member for California State University, Fullerton, and chair of the BLM National Science Advisory Board. Freemuth is on sabbatical during the Spring 2004 semester.

Dr. Diane Johnson, Visiting Assistant Professor, presented a paper at the 2003 American Political Science Association conference entitled “New Media and Democracy, Past and Present.” Later in the fall, she presented a paper on democratic responses to neoliberal reforms in Argentina, at the International Studies Association West conference in Las Vegas. She also presented a paper on changing communications policies in the Americas at the Western Political Science Association conference in March. Johnson co-authored a chapter with Bruce Bimber called “The Internet and Political Transformation Revisited” for the forthcoming book _Community in the Digital Age: Philosophy and Practice_, edited by Andrew Feenberg and Darin Barney (published by Rowman & Littlefield). Johnson is currently working with Fernando Lopez-Alves and Miguel Centeno as co-editors on a volume tentatively titled _Globalization and Uncertainty_, which focuses on the expected and unexpected effects of globalization in Latin America.

Dr. Dick Kinney, Professor, attended the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual meeting in March. At the
conference, he discussed the findings from his paper on Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne’s revised budget for 2004 and proposal for 2005. During the summer, he will edit the paper and extend the analysis to include the Legislature’s appropriations decisions. The annual proceedings for the WPRA Roundtable on State Budgeting in the Western States, prepared by the Center of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah, will contain his revised manuscript. By the way, Dr. David Patton, formerly of the Department of Political Science, is one of the editors for the proceedings.

As always, Kinney invites his former students and advisees to let him know how they are doing. His email address is rkinney@boisestate.edu.

As the main advisor in the department for the political science-social science-secondary education program, he wants to hear from previous and current students in that program to tell him about their experiences. He encourages current participants to check regularly the bulletin board in the hall outside of PAA-126 and the Political Science website for information about the program.

Dr. Todd Lochner, Assistant Professor, recently completed a jointly-authored book chapter with Professor Gary Moncrief entitled “Idaho: Election Reform at the Margins” in Election Reform: Politics and Policy (Lexington Books, 2004). He also delivered a paper entitled “Surveying the Landscape of State Campaign Finance Enforcement: A Preliminary Analysis” at the 2003 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Lochner traveled to Chicago, Miami, and Washington, D.C. to conduct interviews of over twenty former federal prosecutors, including a former U.S. Attorney General, to supplement his research on United States Attorneys’ Offices. He presented a paper entitled “With Purse Strings and Persuasion: Congressional Strategies for Controlling Federal Prosecutorial Discretion” at the March 2004 meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Additionally, he will be presenting a jointly-authored paper on environmental and regulatory enforcement at the May 2004 meeting of the Law and Society Association. Lochner continues to serve as one of two Pre-law Advisors for Boise State University, as well as serving on the Academic Standards Committee.

Debbie Mitchell joined the Political Science Department in August 2002. She is a Political Science major, and she will graduate Magna Cum Laude this May with an emphasis in international relations and political philosophy/public law. Mitchell is a member of the Political Science Association and the Phi Sigma Alpha social science-secondary education program, she wants to hear from previous and current students in that program to tell him about their experiences. He encourages current participants to check regularly the bulletin board in the hall outside of PAA-126 and the Political Science website for information about the program.

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Dr. Gary Moncrief, Professor, is co-author of a chapter on legislative politics in the Politics in the American States, 8th edition (Congressional Quarterly Press). Nationally, this is the most widely used book in upper division and graduate courses on state politics. Moncrief presented research papers on the Canadian legislative system at an international conference in Belo Horizonte, Brazil in August 2003; on the effects of term limits at the American Political Science Association meeting in Philadelphia in September 2003; and on the recruitment of women candidates in American legislatures at the Western Political Science Association meeting in Portland in March 2004. He continues to serve on the national Joint Task Force on Term Limits, and as a faculty member at the Western Legislative Academy in Colorado Springs, a training program for new legislators in the western states. In February, Moncrief organized a workshop entitled “Behind the Scenes in the Idaho Legislature” that brought together Idaho state legislators and staff members, representatives of interest groups and the media for a two-day discussion.

Dr. Gregory Raymond, Professor and Director of the Honors College, published three articles during the past year: “Preventive War and Permissive Normative Order” in International Studies Perspectives; “Global Terrorism and Military Preemption” in International Politics; and “From Just War to Just Peace” in an anthology titled Ethics and the Future of Conflict (Prentice Hall). In addition, he published two essays: “Preemptive War: Prelude to Global Peril?” in USA Today; and “Justice in the Wake of War” in International Studies Review. Currently, Raymond is completing two books that will be published next year: The Imperiled Imperium: America’s Changing Role on the World Stage (Oxford University Press); and The Global Future (Wadsworth).

In September, Raymond delivered the keynote address titled “Hegemony, Normative Order, and International Security” at a conference on international norms held at the Institut d’Études Politiques in AixenProvence, France. In November, he gave a lecture on “Modern Tendencies in International Relations” at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro, and a lecture on “American National Security Policy” at the Defense and Security Studies Centre of the G17 Institute in Belgrade, Serbia. He also gave the following research paper presentations at other professional conferences: “Revenge and Retaliation in World Politics,” at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary; “Preemptive War Doctrine: at Belgrade University, Serbia; “Contemporary Political Terrorism,” at the University of Niš, Serbia; “Self Defense, Preventive War, and International Security” at the Western Regional Meeting of the International Studies Association; and “International Ethics and American Foreign Policy” at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. Raymond was a panelist at a conference on “Democracies, Dirty Wars, and Military Ethics” held by the McCormick Tribune Foundation in Chicago. He has been invited to deliver two lectures on American foreign policy this spring at the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Committee. Sallie is an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch and a Y-coach for girl’s basketball.

**Tricia Trofast** celebrated 15 years with Boise State University this year. She is a member of Boise State University Association of Office Personnel and many environmental organizations.

**Dr. Brian Wampler**, Assistant Professor, spent the 2003-2004 academic year in Brazil, conducting research with support from a National Science Foundation Fellowship. Wampler conducted a comparative research project on a participatory institution that allows citizens to be direct participants in shaping their municipal government’s spending priorities. He lived for the first five months in São Paulo, a mega-city of 20 million inhabitants before moving to southern Brazil to live in a city of 400,000 (Florianopolis). The year in Brazil enabled Wampler to collect data on participation, civil society and decentralization that will, hopefully, be published in the near future.

**Dr. James Weatherby**, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Public Policy and Administration, is both the Director of The Public Policy Center and the Social Science Research Center. He also serves on the Graduate Council.


Dr. **Stephanie L. Witt**, Professor and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, continues to teach for the Department of Political Science and the Department of Public Policy and Administration in addition to her administrative duties for the university.

**Dr. Scott Yenor**, Assistant Professor, aside from teaching, published two articles this year, one on Alexis de Tocqueville and American religion and one on David Hume’s understanding of happiness. He continues to work on his book manuscript. For the next three years Yenor will be involved in administering a grant whose main purpose is to teach teachers about American history.

**Amy Allen** (1999) is attending George Mason College of Law.

**Robert Allen** (2003) is a graduate student in Portland State University’s Public Administration program.

**Sadie Babits** (2003) was awarded a Pew International Journalism Fellowship in International Journalism from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of The Johns Hopkins University. Babits was reporter/host for Arizona Public Radio. She is stationed in Kenya doing a water rights story at the base of Mount Kenya near Nairobi.

**James K. Ball** (1993) has accepted a partnership with the law firm Manweiler, Manweiler, Breen & Ball PLLC in Boise. Prior to joining the firm, Ball served as Ada County prosecuting attorney and a lobbyist for the Idaho Prosecuting Attorney’s Association.

**Ester Ceja** (1999) is the statewide campaign director for The Snake River Alliance. Prior to joining the Alliance, she worked as a program associate for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Region 10 Environmental Finance Center. Ceja has also been a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service and a volunteer for the Girl Scouts.

**Julie Coles** (1999) received a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State. Coles is working at the Ada Community Library on a virtual reference project with Boise State University staff.


**Thomas Fassino** (2003) is the Employer Assistance Representative for the Ada County Highway District. He works with legislators, handles public relations, sets up alternate transportation programs with area corporations, and conducts statistical research on commuter patterns.

**Linda Foster** (1989) is a Contracts Specialist with American Specialty Health in California.

**Theresa Grant** (1998) has been working as a Marketing Manager for Euphonix in Silicon Valley for the last three years.

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