A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR
By Dr. Ross Burkhart

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this Newsletter, which will inform you of the considerable achievements of our students, faculty, and staff. As a department, we have made some significant advances this past year. Political Science alumni have formed an Advisory Committee that will engage in fundraising activity to endow scholarships for students. The department also received a $3,000 grant from Albertsons Library to enhance the Political Science collection in the library.

Political Science students continue to achieve amazing things. You will read about them in the following pages, but let me highlight two. Political Science alum Hannah Stauts, Mayor of Stanley, Idaho, is the youngest female mayor in the United States at age 22. Lisa Burns has been named a Top Ten Scholar. She will return from her second studies abroad experience in Latin America this spring. Both Hannah and Lisa have very bright futures.

Our faculty continue to achieve much in their teaching, scholarship, and service. Lori Hausegger, Susan Mason, Brian Wampler, and Scott Yenor were awarded College of SSPA Faculty Research Grants to present their scholarship at various conferences. Faculty traveled to professional conferences throughout the year, and several have had their scholarship published. Greg Raymond traveled overseas to discuss his research. Gary Moncrief took a sabbatical at the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers University to further his research on women in state legislatures, giving several presentations. In teaching, Steve Sallie, Wampler, and Yenor were all recognized by ASBSU for their outstanding teaching. In service, John Freemuth and Jim Weatherby made many community presentations as well as appeared frequently in the press and on local television stations. Dick Kinney serves in several vital administrative capacities in the department. We will feature Kinney’s accomplishments in this newsletter.

We congratulate Jim Weatherby on his announced retirement, effective July of 2006. Professor Weatherby served as chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration from 1989-2004 and currently is the director of the Public Policy Center. Weatherby taught many State and Local Government and Idaho Politics courses for the Political Science department. We wish Jim well in his retirement.

We welcomed Iana Kingsbury-Jackson to our departmental office on a permanent basis in the Office Specialist II position in December 2005. Tricia Trofast, administrative assistant, with the support of Kingsbury-Jackson and Tim Qualis, a work study student, manage the office to the highest professional standards.
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In Fall 2005, Kinney received the Annual Library Faculty Award for Excellence in Library-Oriented Teaching. This is an annual university-wide award and is very prestigious. Kinney has served as the department's faculty representative to the library for a number of years and distinguished himself by thoughtful liaison work with the library staff on the department's behalf, assisting us in acquiring library materials and answering any library-oriented questions.

Kinney has taught a multitude of courses for the Departments of Political Science, Public Policy and Administration, and the Honors College since coming to Boise State University in 1976. These classes include American National Government, American Chief Executive, Political Parties, Public Opinion and Interest Groups, Public Budgeting & Finance Administration, Public Policy Processes, and Special Topics.

He is very active in the university community and serves on the University Library Committee, Teacher Education Coordinating Council, and as chair to both the Political Science Scholarship Committee and Political Science Progress Towards Tenure Committee.

It is an honor to have a colleague of Dick Kinney's caliber in the department.

STUDENT HONORS

BROWN SCHOLAR

Matthew Rude was honored as a Brown Scholar in September 2005.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Kyle C. Millard was selected as a Marshal for the December 2005 Boise State University Commencement Ceremony.

FOUNDERS’ LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Jesse Menlove and Maria Rollins, class of 2006, were inducted into Boise State University Founders’ Leadership Society, a program that recognizes graduating students for their outstanding leadership involvement.

TOP MILITARY STUDENT

Nic Adams was named as a Top Military Student for the Fall 2005 semester.

TOP TEN SCHOLAR

Jared Hoskins was selected as a Top Ten Scholar at Boise State University in 2005. His honored faculty member was Dr. Scott Yenor.

Lisa Burns has been selected as a Top Ten Scholar at Boise State University for 2006. Her honored faculty member is Dr. Brian Wampler.

A Few Words From the Chair continued from page 1

We thank our adjunct instructors for their course offerings, which enhance our curriculum greatly. Our 2005-2006 adjuncts are Steve Ackerman, Stewart Gardner, Amanda Hoffman, Christopher Innes, Xabier Irujo, Carole Nemnich, William Overton, Steve Shaw, Cathy Silak, Brook Smith, Bryan Taylor, Sharon Wei, and Steve Wilson. Dennis Donoghue, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, also offered a course. Additionally, Jared Tatro, Master of Public Administration student, did an excellent job as the teaching assistant in the “mega-section” of American National Government.

I hope you enjoy reading about our department.

WEATHERBY RETIRES

By Dr. Les Alm

Professor James Weatherby, after 16 years of heading the Department, Policy Center and MPA Program, as well as service as Internship Director and teaching for Political Science is stepping down and moving into a phased retirement. Over his years of service, no one at Boise State University has provided more quality service to the university through his interaction with the community, especially with respect to interacting policy with makers both in and out of government. A close inspection of his record shows that major media outlets throughout the state, as well as decision-makers both in the public and private sector continue to seek out his expertise. In brief, Weatherby represents the best there is about Boise State University, the MPA Program, and Political Science. We will miss his presence immensely but are very happy to say that he will still be with us on a part-time basis for the next several years.
DEAN’S LIST – SPRING 2005

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

Lindsey M. Allen
James R. Bang
Vachel R. Barbour
Carissa A. Barnes
Justin E. Becker
Kylie G. Bogess
Jordan M. Bradley
William R. Briscoe Jr.
Lindsey R. Brockish
David J. Brown
Christina D. Case
Jamie D. Chapman
Daniel R. Christian
Eryn TM Chun
Matthew R. Comstock
Amanda M. Craig
Darcey L. Doyle
Stephanie N. Erwin
Hannelore M. Ferber
Perri L.P. Gardner
Cody L. Glazier
Robert J.I. Green
Dinko Hadzic
J. Matthew Wayne Haws
Hannah G.C. Herr
Ramon S. Hobdey-Sanchez
Timothy S. Hood
Chetan R. Horvath
Jared C. Hoskins
Jeremiah M. Hudson
Kristopher J. Jacobs
Kamala J. Jonas
Jesse A. Jones
Deeplek Ashu Kumar

DEAN’S LIST – FALL 2005

Lindsey M. Allen
Maria G. Alvarez
Mallory L. Atkinson
J. Russell Bang
Matthew Bauscher
Morgan E. Bell
Kylie G. Bogess
Devyn M. Borland
Jordan M. Bradley
Benjamin D. Brandon
Lindsey R. Brockish
David J. Brown
Jonathan T. Carkin
Cristina D. Case
Jamie D. Chapman
Matthew R. Comstock
Justine M. Cook
Nicolas A. Diaz
Brett F. Fonnesbeck
Cassandra A. Ganger
Tyler L. Gaylord
Robert J.I. Green
Rachel M. Greer
Dinko Hadzic
Denise M. Hardesty
Alison M. Harry
Joseph E. Hathaway
Michael W. Haylett
Jennifer N. Hays
Ramon S. Hobdey-Sanchez
Jeremiah M. Hudson
Kristopher J. Jacobs
Kamala J. Jonas
Jesse A. Jones
Chad M. King
Douglas L. Lantz
Abram R. Lines
Kelsey Martindale
Matthew R. May
Lee A. McCormick
Jesse R. Menlove
Amber R. Messa
Carley J. Miller
Shannon N. Miller
Sara N. Minic
Johali M. Muzaliwa
Kallie A. Nettleton
Stephen C. Nicolaysen, II
Paige M. Noita
William J. Ottinger
Tammy R. Perkins
Ashley D. Pisani
David G. Pope
Mathew H. Purdy
Rhiana H. Quick
Michael W. Reed
Katherine K.A. Rice
Michael C. Rose
Matthew C. Rude
Nakita J. Santiago
Tyler J. Seely
Roger M. Sharp, II
Amy B. Shearman
Brandon J. Stoker
Charles E. Walsh
Megan M. Wardwell
Michael J. Williams
Brandie M. Wilson
Katherine R. Wiese
Nolan E. Wittrock
Joshua L. Zimmer

2005-2006 BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are a select group of dedicated students appointed to represent the student body and help with various university activities. Damien Alambra is currently serving as an Ambassador for Boise State University. If you are interested in serving as a Boise State Ambassador, contact Jocelyn De Jong, at 426-4113.

ALUMNI …..

What have you been up to? We would like to include you in the Alumni Update section of the News. Let us know about your continuing education, your career, or any other information you feel would be interesting reading; include a photo if you’d like. Please email your contributions to Tricia Trofast at ttrofas@boisestate.edu for inclusion in the Spring 2007 edition.
Scholarships

The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2005-2006 Academic Year:

- **David J. Brown**
- **Lisa A. Burns**, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in Political Science
- **Jenny V. Gallegos**
- **Dinko Hadzic**, Political Science/English Scholarship
- **Dayna M. Halverson**
- **Ramon S. Hobdey-Sanchez**
- **Nichalous H. Ludington**
- **Jesse R. Menlove**, Willard M. Overgaard Political Science Scholarship
- **Kyle C. Millard**
- **Carley Jo Miller**
- **Stephen C. Nicolaysen, II**
- **Matthew C. Rude**
- **Sheena L. Wellard**

Each year the Department of Political Science awards scholarships to political science majors.

In addition to the general political science scholarships, there are two special scholarships. The Willard M. Overgaard Scholarship is awarded to a deserving member of the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Dr. Overgaard was a former chair of the department and a professor of public law before his retirement. The Avery Peterson Scholarship is for a student with an International Relations emphasis in Political Science and an interest in the Foreign Service. Mr. Peterson was a former Foreign Service Officer and taught for the department in the 1970s.

Application information is available each January at the department’s office and website. Later in the spring, the department’s scholarship committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the department chair on who should receive scholarships. A ceremony is held at the beginning of the fall semester to honor the recipients.

The department considers these scholarships as an excellent opportunity to recognize our majors’ academic excellence, achievements, and other contributions.
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 2005-2006 academic year.

SUMMER 2005
- Coby Harrod, City of Ontario
- Jesse Menlove, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program

FALL 2005
- Mallory Atkinson, ID Dept. of Commerce & Labor, International Trade Division
- Peter Faucher, Boise City Mayor’s Office
- Tim Flaherty, Boise State University Student Activities
- Tara Hasenoehr, Boise City Mayor’s Office
- Kristopher Jacobs, American Civil Liberties Union
- Chad Kind, Senator Mike Crapo’s Office
- Shawn Maybon, Boise City Attorney’s Office
- Amber Messa, Idaho Human Rights Education Center
- Tammy Perkins, Otter for Governor Campaign
- Thomas Schwarz, Department of Environmental Quality

SPRING 2006
- Damien Alambra, Senate Minority Office, Idaho State Legislature
- Cat Azevedo, ID Dept. of Commerce & Labor, International Trade Division
- Ryan Baker, Brady for Governor Campaign
- Cynthia Blue, Senate Majority Office, Senator Brad Little
- Jordan Bradley, Legislative Services Office (JFAC Committee)
- Ben Brandon, U.S. State Department, Edinburgh, Scotland
- David Brown, ID Dept. of Commerce & Labor, Economic Development Division
- Lisa Burns, U.S. State Department, Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Benjamin Davenport, House Minority Office, Representative Wendy Jaquet
- Peter Faucher, Idaho Public Television (Idaho Reports 2006)
- Gregory Funk, Idaho Republican Party
- Britton Holdaway, Union Pacific Railroad Legislative Intern
- Dayna Halvorsen, Senate Majority Office, Senator Brad Little
- Kamala Jonas, Legislative Services Office (JFAC Committee)
- Joseph W. Kunz, Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Nick Ludington, Brady for Governor Campaign
- Shawn Maybon, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Fernando Mejia, Idaho Community Action Network
- Amber Messa, Idaho Human Rights Education Center
- Tammy Perkins, Otter for Governor Campaign
- Ashley Pisani, State Senator David Langholtst
- Lisa Semmler, House Minority Office, Representative Wendy Jaquet
- Lacey Vander Boegh, State Representative Phil Hart
- Megan Wardwell, Outreach Center, U.S. Embassy-London

2005-2006 Interns and Intern Supervisors
L-R Front Row: Doreen Queen, Cynthia Blue, Carol Craighill, Lisa Semmler, and Benjamin Davenport
L-R Back Row: Marie Hattaway, Damien Alambra, Shawn Maybon, Sharon Fisher, Amy Hertzfeld, Amber Messa, Jordan Bradley, Gregory Funk, Joe Kunz, Michael Gifford, Paul Tower, Amber Pence-Fink, Nick Ludington, and Autumn King
Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society which recognizes the Xi Chi chapter at Boise State. Each spring, our chapter co-sponsors the Political Science Recognition Luncheon. This year’s annual Recognition Luncheon continued in the successful tradition of previous years. On March 1, 2006, the Xi Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Department of Political Science, and the Political Science Association (PSA) came together to recognize this year’s Pi Sigma Alpha inductees, PSA members, student interns and intern supervisors.

The guest speaker for this year’s luncheon was Mr. Jade Riley. Mr. Riley graduated from Boise State with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. During his Boise State career, he interned in the White House. After completing his degree, Mr. Riley returned to the White House to work in legislative affairs. He is currently working as assistant to the Mayor. Mr. Riley’s career has provided many opportunities to experience both local and federal government. He reflected on both of these experiences and revealed that the most important factor in deciding which area of government to work in is to keep one’s original goal in mind. Mr. Riley’s goal was to make a difference in public policy. He also discussed the best ways to improve local government. These include innovation in budgeting and providing faster more efficient services to the public. We were honored to have Mr. Riley speak and would like to thank him for taking the time to share with us his experiences and ideas for improvement.

Pi Sigma Alpha honored its current members and inducted new members at this year’s luncheon. Pi Sigma Alpha membership includes Mallory Atkinson, Lauren Bailey, Amanda Craig, Thomas Driscoll, Patricia Fabbri-Forbes, Robert Green, Dinko Hadzic, Jesse Jones, Nick Ludington, Michael Kastens, Jesse Menlove, Carley Miller, Matt Purdy and Katherine Rice. The current officers for Pi Sigma Alpha are Christina Case, President; Lisa Burns, Vice President; Kristopher Jacobs, Treasurer; and Stephanie Schneider, Secretary.

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.

The members of Pi Sigma Alpha would also like to thank two outstanding individuals who help to keep our organization running: Dr. Brian Wampler, Advisor; and Tricia Trofast, the Administrative Coordinator. These individuals have worked hard to organize and help keep Pi Sigma Alpha running smoothly.

For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at ttrofas@boisestate.edu or call 426-1458.
As usual, the Political Science Association (PSA) at Boise State University has had an event-filled year. We have continually provided an extra-curricular platform for PSA members and Political Science students. We have also given students who aren’t Political Science majors the opportunity to expand their knowledge of politics by promoting a variety of prominent speakers.

Our year started out with a wonderful opportunity. Ambassador Jack Matlock, the last U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, addressed our organization. Amongst other things, Ambassador Matlock discussed the pressures of being the Ambassador to such a powerful nation, as well as the interesting turn of events that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Ambassador Matlock and his wife also shared stories of the personal relationship between the Reagans and Gorbachevs.

During Christmas break the PSA assisted Dr. Ross Burkhart with the annual YMCA Youth Government Program. PSA members assisted in leading discussion groups with local high school students, which involved political issues that are prevalent in the state and local levels of government. In April these students will converge on the State House and participate in a mock legislative session and learn about the Idaho Court processes. This will be a great opportunity for young Idahoans to learn about how Idaho government works.

In January, along with the Honors Student Association, the PSA helped sponsor a lecture by Dr. Charles Kelgey. Dr. Kelgey is a Professor at the University of South Carolina and is a prominent scholar of international relations. He gave us a wonderful presentation entitled “Iraq and the Future of United States Foreign Policy.” Dr. Kelgey discussed different theories of international relations and how the United States foreign policy fits into those theories.

On February 17th, we had our annual Political Science Student/Faculty dinner at Louie’s downtown restaurant. This was a great opportunity for students and faculty to participate in a social activity that occurred outside the academic setting. We had a great turnout at the event and look forward to next year’s dinner. On March 7th, the PSA hosted Greg Nojeim, the Associate Director and Chief Legislative Counsel of the ACLU’s Washington National Office, for a discussion on lobbying. On March 9th, the PSA hosted Dr. Xabier Irujo, a Basque member of the European Parliament. Dr. Irujo explained some of the inner workings of the EU and the nation-states that are involved.

On behalf of PSA, I would encourage all students who are interested in Political Science to get involved with our organization. We have had a great year and look forward to next year. I would like to personally thank Tim Qualls (Vice President), Shawn Maybon (Treasurer), and Ben Davenport (Secretary) for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank Maria Rollins who has helped with much of our advertising. Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Ross Burkhart, who has continually provided us with his expertise and advising skills. We would also like to thank all the professors in the Political Science department who provide us with a great education.

For more information on PSA, please contact Jeremiah Hudson at jeremiahhudson@mail.boisestate.edu or Dr. Ross Burkhart at 426-3280 or rburkha@boisestate.edu.
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON MARCH 1, 2006

The Political Science Recognition Luncheon is an annual event to induct new members into Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, and pay tribute to our interns and their supervisors, the students in the Political Science Association, as well as members of the Boise State University campus community.

The luncheon is hosted by the members of the Department of Political Science, and sponsored by a grant from the Pi Sigma national office and the Department.

Jade Riley, BSU Political Science graduate, and an Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Boise was the guest speaker where he addressed 51 attendees. The Boise State University Book Store generously donated BSU lapel pins for all those in attendance.
Two centuries ago, President John Adams said, “To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is … the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind.” Today, we know that earning a college degree provides us with the opportunity to better our lifestyles, find a job that we are interested in, contribute to our communities and to society, and face the challenges of life with knowledge and confidence. However, not every person with these ambitions has the financial means to partake of the college experience. Scholarships are a tool that can create these opportunities for students without saddling them with overwhelming debt. A dedicated group of Political Science Department Alumni has recently formed an Advisory Committee to the Department to raise money for scholarships for Political Science students.

The first fundraiser of the Advisory Committee will be held in early May in Boise. The committee’s hope is that Political Science Department graduates will want to take part in this effort. The purpose of the committee is not to just fundraise but to gather fellow alumni together to enjoy an evening in good company and for a good cause. We will invite Idaho political luminaries such as House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and House Minority Leader Wendy Jacquet to attend the event to provide some fun political commentary that we can all take part in. Please keep your eyes posted for announcements for the event. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

For further information please feel free to contact Andrea Mihm (andrea@idaho-politics.com) or Ester Ceja (run_1@hotmail.com).

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“BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE IDAHO LEGISLATURE” WORKSHOP

Dr. Gary Moncrief and Carl Bianchi (Director, Idaho Legislative Services Organization) co-directed this year’s “Behind the Scenes in the Idaho Legislature” workshop. The workshop was held on February 4 and 11, 2006, and attracted over 100 enrollees. Featured speakers included Boise State University President Dr. Robert Kustra, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, State Senators Bart Davis, Joe Stegner, John Andreason and David Langhorst, State Representatives Wendy Jaquet and Debbie Field, and former State Representative Celia Gould. Also featured were lobbyists Lyn Darrington, Alex LaBeau, Jeremy Pisca and Ken McClure and media representatives Dan Popkey, Betsy Russell, Jon Hanian and Greg Hahn. The workshop included a tour of the capitol with commentary from Carl Bianchi. Both Gould and Pisca are graduates of the Boise State University political science department.
Dr. Leslie Alm, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Policy & Administration at Boise State University, and is the Director of the Master of Public Administration program. His research interests are in state and local policies in the West, environmental policy making, and U.S.–Canada relations. Alm has recently published articles in *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, *The Social Science Journal*, and *State and Local Government Review*, and his book *Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries: The Role of Scientists in the U.S.–Canadian Acid Rain Debate* was recently published by Praeger Press.

Dr. Ross E. Burkhart, Associate Professor and Chair, had three articles accepted for publication: “The Mormon Question: Political Culture and Influence of Latter-Day Saints in Idaho,” co-authored with Les Alm, Dave Patton (University of Utah), and Jim Weatherby, in the *Virginia Social Science Journal*; “Left Out: Trust and Social Capital among Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers,” co-authored with Brian Wampler and Maria Chavez (Pacific Lutheran University), in the *Social Science Quarterly*; and “Canada and the United States: Approaches to Global Environmental Policymaking,” co-authored with Les Alm, in the *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. Burkhart also had a book review published in *International Studies Review*.

During the past year Burkhart presented a paper on capitalism, income inequality, and democracy at the American Political Science Association meeting in Washington. Burkhart and Alm also presented research on Canada-U.S. environmental policymaking at the Western Social Science Association conference in Albuquerque and the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States meeting in St. Louis. Burkhart and Alm received a $7,500 grant from the Canadian Embassy in Washington to continue their research on neighborhood design and community outcomes with the Idaho Nonprofit Development Center (INDC) under the direction of Betsy Dunklin. Graduate students working with Fredericksen on the INDC projects include Jennifer Armstrong (a compensation study), Leah Silverman (county profiles and contextual evaluation of service scope) and Rachel Wheatley.

Dr. Patricia J. Fredericksen, Associate Professor, continues her research in the area of nonprofit and public sector collaboration with co-authored studies on the civic effect of neighborhood design (with Susan Mason) and applied projects with the Idaho Nonprofit Development Center (INDC) under the direction of Betsy Dunklin. Graduate students working with Fredericksen on the INDC projects include Jennifer Armstrong (a compensation study), Leah Silverman (county profiles and contextual evaluation of service scope) and Rachel Wheatley.

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Dr. John Freemuth, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, has been named as the Interim Director of the Energy Policy Institute. He is authoring a chapter in a forthcoming book on the Antiquities Act, University of Arizona Press, due April 2006.

Dr. Lori Hausegger, Assistant Professor, is the Department's Pre-Law Advisor and the Faculty Advisor to the Pre-Law Society. She presented her work on women's interest groups' use of the courts in Canada and the United States at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in April 2005. Hausegger continues her research on judicial decision making in Canada and the United States. In Fall 2005, she also worked on grant proposals for a project she is starting on judicial appointments in Canada. Hausegger will present a first look at this project at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting in June 2006.

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 the budget submitted by Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne in January to the Legislature. During the summer, he will edit the paper and extend the analysis to Legislature's appropriations decisions. The annual proceedings for the WPSA 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.

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. Susan G. Mason, Assistant Professor, was awarded a fellowship to attend the International Canadian Studies Institute in British Columbia and the Yukon. In addition to teaching Mason continues research on neighborhood design and community outcomes with Patti Fredericksen. Mason is also co-author with Les Alm to revise a book chapter “Linear Correlation and Regression” for the second edition of the *Handbook of Research Methods in Public Administration*. Other collaborative research includes Mason’s work with the students in her GIS class to produce maps suitable for the upcoming State of the Region report.

Dr. Gary Moncrief, Professor, returned to the Department for the Spring semester after spending Fall 2005 semester at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. While at Rutgers, Moncrief...
worked with the Center for American Women and Politics and the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He also gave talks at the Forum for New England Women Legislators in Portland, Maine and at the Western Legislative Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He published two book chapters (both on term limits) and two research articles (Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly).


In July 2005, he delivered a lecture on the impact of neconservative thought on contemporary American foreign policy to academic and foreign ministry officials from 18 countries as part of a program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Also under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, he gave the following lectures during October in Belgrade, Serbia: “The Future of American Foreign Policy,” “New Directions in U.S. Security Policy,” “The Place of Preemption in U.S. Military Doctrine,” and “Transatlantic Relations as a Crossroads.” Raymond also delivered “America’s Precarious Unipolar Moment” at the annual Frank Church Symposium on Public Affairs, “Mapping the Global Future” at the Idaho Libraries Futures Conference, and “Retributive Justice in Statecraft” at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Honolulu.


Sallie is a member of both the Social Science and Public Affairs Curriculum Committee and the University Curriculum Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Department of Political Science Scholarship Committee and the Phi Kappa Phi Writing Award Committee. He is an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch. Sallie plays a lot of chess and discusses the issues of the day with his students in his office.

**Dr. Brian Wampler**, Assistant Professor, has been working over the past year to finish his research project, designing his next long-term project, and preparing to teach new classes. Wampler had several articles published this last year. One article discusses institutional diffusion of a participatory democratic institution in Brazil. Another article analyzes the politics of civil society and institutional reform in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a city of 10 million people. He completed a book manuscript, tentatively titled *Delegation, Cooperation, and Contestation: Participatory Democracy in 8 Brazilian Cities*. The book is currently under review and will hopefully be published in 2007. Wampler’s next long-term project will focus on explaining the diversity of activity that civil society organizations in Brazil use to pursue their interests in political and civil societies. He is applying for funding from the National Science Foundation to conduct a survey in Brazil and he is currently teaching a new course, “Latin American Politics through Film.” The course is an exciting and fresh way to look at political processes, actors, and events. Wampler is also in the process of designing two courses that he will teach in Madrid, Spain, during the Spring semester of 2007.

**Dr. James Weatherby**, Associate Professor, Director of The Public Policy Center is also the Director of the Internship Program.

He is the political analyst for KTVB, Idaho’s News Channel 7, and a regular panelist for “Idaho Reports 2006” on Idaho Public Television. He is coauthor of the new book, *Governing Idaho: Politics, People and Power*.

During 2005, Weatherby made 50 presentations to a number of local, regional and statewide organizations including such groups as the Intermountain Forest Association, City Club of Boise, Canyon County Republican Central Committee, Association of Idaho Cities Annual Conference, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, Renaissance Institute, Treasure Valley Partnership, the Idaho Association of Counties Annual Conference, and the Meridian Kiwanis.

Weatherby is the chair and facilitator for the Idaho State Planning Committee on the “Help America Vote Act”. He a member of the board of directors of Sage Community Resources and the Idaho Tax Foundation.

**Dr. Stephanie L. Witt**, Professor and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, was an invited participant in a colloquium on the Property Tax at the Lincoln Land Institute in Cambridge, MA, in April of 2005. Witt will move from her current position to become the Director of the Center for Public Policy at Boise State University in July, 2006. As Director she will administer the Center as well as teach courses in the Masters in Public Administration Program.

**Dr. Scott Yenor**, Associate Professor, continues to teach political philosophy classes and to write on David Hume, and he has begun a second manuscript on the idea of the family in modern political thought. He is offering a summer class called “The Family in Modern Political Thought” this year in which he will consider the writings of John Locke, G.W.F. Hegel, John Stuart Mill and other luminaries. He is also directing two grants aimed at teaching American history to local K-12 history teachers.

His wife, Amy, and his children, Jackson (10), Travis (8), Sarah (5) and Paul a.k.a. Lumpy (4) are all doing well, but their grammar has been of particular concern to him and he is actively seeking grammar tutors among his old students. Please feel free contact him with any offers for help!
Alumni Update

Imran S. Ali (2002) attended Hamline University School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he was involved with various diversity committees and served as the Student Bar Association president during his third year. He received his J.D. in May 2005, and is a Public Defender in Hennepin County, Minnesota (which includes the city of Minneapolis).

Robert Allen (2003) received his Masters of Public Administration, specializing in executive leadership from Portland State University’s Mark O. Hatfield School of Government in 2005. He is currently conducting business development for MAXIMUS, a national, private government consulting firm.

Michael Bittner (1985) has accepted a position as Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning Dean at The California Maritime Academy, California State University. Prior to that, he was Executive Director of The Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center.

Darrell Brower (2004) is employed by Cathay Pacific Airways in Anchorage, Alaska.

Douglas L. Burr (1982) is the director of the Northern Idaho Center for Higher Education.

Chris Carr (2005) is a kick return specialist and defensive back for the Oakland Raiders. In his rookie year (2005) he led the league in kickoff returns with 73. While at Boise State, Carr was inducted into the 2005 class of the Founders’ Leadership Society.

Korrin Eveland-Rue (2001) is teaching American government at Meridian High School in Meridian, Idaho.

Thomas W. Fassino (2003) is a project coordinator and urban land planner with Pathway Development. His is responsible for managing public policy development, as well as many research projects for the firm’s clients.

Theresa Grant (1998) is running the international division of Courage To Be You, a nonprofit worldwide organization that is designed to help better the lives of orphaned children in Africa. International volunteers join local orphanages in Zambia, Africa, organizing HIV/AIDS awareness programs, improving existing infrastructure or orphanages and schools teaching, providing job skill training, marketing and business, or working on similar projects.

Jason Henderson (1999) received a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2003. He is an attorney with the law firm of Danaher, Lagnese & Neal, PC, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Zach Mallavia (2003) is the Agency Office Manager for ServiceNet, Inc., in Northampton, Massachusetts, which is a large Human Service Agency dealing with Homelessness and Mental Health issues in Western Massachusetts. In 2004, Mallavia managed the successful legislative campaign for Nicole LeFavour, who is currently the only openly gay elected official in the State of Idaho.

Andrea Mihm (1999) received her M.P.A. from Boise State University. Mihm is a lobbyist for Sullivan & Reberger, an active member of the Alumni Association and she is spearheading the creation of a Political Science Advisory Committee.


Whitney Parker (2003) is a graduate student in international relations at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Parker is the Communications Director for the World Security Institute, an entrepreneurial, international non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

Joseph H. Pearson (1999) received his Masters of Public Administration from Idaho State University. He is the Director of the University Center and Student Activities at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Jeremy Pisca (1995) is a partner at Evans Keane LLP. He is legal counsel to the Idaho Association of Realtors and is a lobbyist for the Idaho Building Contractors Association. Pisca specializes in real estate, construction, business and government relations.

Marcus Purkiss (2001) earned his Master’s in Criminal Justice at Boise State University in 2003. He was sworn in as a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, in May 2005. His duties include criminal investigations and numerous protection details. Purkus recently returned from a trip to the Middle East with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, where they visited Jerusalem and Ramallah. While at Boise State, Purkiss was a member of the Bronco Football Team.

Jennifer Ricketts (2005) is currently working for the Ada County Drug Court while preparing to apply to law school.

Kevin Satterlee (1990) is the Associate Vice President/General Counsel at Boise State University.

Katherine (Sullins) Shields (2004) is the debate coach at Borah High School.

Hannah Stauts (2005) was elected Mayor of Stanley, Idaho in 2005. Stauts, 22, is Idaho’s youngest mayor and the youngest female mayor in the United States.

Shane Sumrall (2002) received his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2005. He is an environmental attorney with Balch & Bingham in Birmingham, Alabama.

Natalie Thomas (2003) is working with Mike Regan and Maureen O’Connell at NewsCorp in Washington, D.C.

Gloria Totoriceguena, Ph.D. (1986) is an assistant professor at the University of Nevada.

Tanya Watt (2002) is an Education Coordinator with the Arts, Media and Engineering program at Arizona State University.
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