

Chair's Welcome

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I am very pleased to introduce the second issue of “The Pulse” Newsletter of the UB Department of Political Science, which was prepared under the editorship of Professor Munroe Eagles for our alumni, students, faculty, and friends. It is hard to believe that another year has already passed. The Newsletter provides an overview of the Department’s recent and upcoming activities as well as announcements about the accomplishments of our faculty, students, and alumni during the past year. It is part of my larger effort as Chair to strengthen the Department’s connection with our alumni and current students.

It has been a busy year for Political Science. In addition to the many activities of our faculty and students documented below, the Department conducted two job searches and went through an external review of our undergraduate and graduate programs. The two job searches resulted in the hiring of Drs. Rachael Hinkle and Jake Neiheisel. Dr. Hinkle is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and has a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and a J.D. from Ohio Northern University.

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She will teach courses in public law and her research investigates the nature and development of legal precedent. Dr. Neiheisel is currently a visiting Assistant Professor at Denison University and has a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He will teach courses in American politics and his research studies the role of religion in politics and the evolution and impact of political campaigns. The Department is very excited about these two well-trained professors joining us in the fall, as we unfortunately also say goodbye to a much-valued colleague, Professor Dinissa Duvanova, who will be leaving UB for a teaching position at Lehigh University.

The external review of the Department's programs was conducted this spring by a 5-person team led by Dr. Alan Abramowitz of Emory University, Dr. John Vasquez of the University of Illinois, and Dr. Harold Clarke of the University at Texas at Dallas, who are leading scholars in the fields of American politics, international relations, and comparative politics, respectively. The review team also included two prominent UB alumni, Paul Nussbaum and Roberta Stevens, who are members of the Dean's Advisory Council. Mr. Nussbaum is an alumnus of our program, and I am thankful to him and Ms. Stevens for their participation. The constructive feedback provided by the external review team will be quite useful in our ongoing efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of our undergraduate and graduate programs.

Reflecting our busy year, I have several other people to thank for their contributions to the Department. The College of Arts & Sciences established a College Ambassadors program this year to assist with alumni relations, and two of our undergraduate majors, Kerry McPhee and Elise Roberts, excelled in this role. You can learn more about their experiences and future plans below, and I would like to congratulate Elise on winning the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Turning from a new program to a long-running one. I want to express the Department's gratitude to Dr. John Fitzpatrick for directing SUNY Brockport's Washington program that benefits so many of our majors. John has directed the program for almost

20 years and is a highly accomplished alumnus of our Ph.D. program. I also want to thank Professors Phil Arena, Dinissa Duvanova, and Jim Campbell for hosting sessions of our free movie series for undergraduate students featuring movies on political themes. This is the second year that the Department has run the movie series.

Finally, thanks to all of our alumni and friends for keeping in touch and supporting the Department! In particular, I would like to recognize those who have made donations that are used to fund the Robert Stern Prize for the best paper written by an undergraduate student and the Outstanding Student Award for the graduating senior with the strongest academic performance. Congratulations this year go to Marjorie Breslawski for winning the Stern Prize and to Rachel Coolican for being the Outstanding Student.

The Department continues to grow our alumni network and hopes to strengthen ties with alumni and friends going forward, involving them more in our service and teaching activities and long-term planning. Feel free to stop by the Political Science Department if you are in town or to email me at hpalmer@buffalo.edu with information and updates. Political Science is located in Park Hall with the main office on the 5th floor and faculty offices split between the 4th and 5th floors. Also please visit our website and "like" our Facebook page "UB Department of Political Science" where Political Science announcements are posted more regularly. I hope you have an enjoyable summer and wish you the best in the upcoming year.

Best regards,



Harvey Palmer

SUNY Model European Union Conference in Belgium

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(From left to right) Jacob Swift, Elise Roberts, Alexandra Macken and David Harary are four of the six students who will attend the SUNY Model European Union 2014 in Brussels, Belgium, Jan. 8-11.

As soon as Elise Roberts found out that she would be representing Italy at the upcoming SUNY Model European Union 2014, she began researching the backgrounds and types of policies the country supports.

Her reasoning? She would be acting as its foreign minister.

Roberts, along with five other UB students, will participate in the competition in Brussels, Belgium, one of EU's political centers, from Jan. 8-11.

"Once we [divided] into roles, we actually did some research on the person and their actual role," said Roberts, a senior triple major in Italian, international studies and political science. "[We] try to use that idea of the person that you are representing to respond in the way you think they would."

Groups of four to five students from around the SUNY system and the Northeast will play as political figures from international governments in preparation for a European Council Summit. They will also have the

opportunity to meet and work with students from all over Europe.

William Swift, a senior political science major; David Harary, a junior economics and international trade major; Alexandra Macken, a junior political science and economics major; Stephanie Griner, an interdisciplinary major; and Dan Guardadio, an economics major, will all participate this winter break.

The group is in its temporary stages, and it received funding from Student Life. With the funding, each member will receive \$400.

They have even created a 'Go Fund Me' page to raise money for the trip.

"This is my fourth year doing it and it's the first time we have [received] funding," Roberts said. "My first year, it was in New Paltz, so funding wasn't an issue. But the second year, it was in Exodur in the U.K. Getting funding feels like we have the support of the university."

While Roberts and Macken will debate for Italy, Harary and Swift will represent Slovakia.

Swift said the most difficult part about representing a small country is getting information about the government. But he said it helps participants gain a better understanding of other nations.

"I know one of the personal challenges for me is, as the head government of Slovakia, you can't find much [about Slovakia's stance in] Syria because they don't have much of an opinion, I found," Swift said. "I had to research what they were doing and had to form it."

Macken said the conference will be a great experience for the group and it is not only serious business, it's about having fun.

"After we have our designated meeting times, once they end we won't stop debating," Macken said. "We'll go out that night and then still be forming a coalition with each other and try and coerce each other. It's relevant because it really happens."

Although the students' focus is primarily on the conference, they hope to eventually be recognized as an SA club.

"We sent in the application at the beginning of September and there were some revisions that had to be made," Roberts said. "It's just a matter of submitting the revised applications."

Members of the UB Model European Union hope the trip brings more awareness to their group and draws in other interested students to join.

<http://www.ubspectrum.com/news/europe-or-bust-1.3123074> (accessed 12/17/2013)

Public Impact: UB Political Science Ranked 22nd of 94 Departments Nationally

A recently released study of Media Impact by the Center for Public Anthropology rated UB's Political Science Department as 22nd out of 94 political science departments across the nation. The study was based on the Google News Archive's tracking of citations in the press from 2006 to 2011. Stanford topped the list, followed by American University, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California at Berkeley. The coverage of UB's Political Science faculty in the press was ranked higher than the much larger departments at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Cornell, Princeton, and Yale. The data on total citations to faculty were collected as part of a larger study of public citations to faculty work compared to public expenditures on faculty research. For the full study, "The Total Citation Score provides the "Public Impact" Ranking", see:

<http://facultyimpact.publicanthropology.org/universities.php?filter=3>

Claude Welch Marks 50th Year at UB by Giving Fillmore Speech



Claude Welch, seen here teaching a class in Talbert Hall, will deliver the memorial address at the 2014 Millard Fillmore commemoration to mark the beginning of his 50th year as a UB faculty member. Photo: Douglas Levere

By Sue Wuetcher, UB News Service
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Not many — if any — universities honor their founders or first presidents with a graveside ceremony in the dead of winter.

UB's annual Millard Fillmore commemoration is one of those uniquely UB traditions. Every year, faculty, staff, some students, administrators and friends of the university gather on Jan. 7 at Fillmore's gravesite in Forest Lawn cemetery in Buffalo to mark the birthday of UB's first chancellor, who also happens to be the 13th president of the United States and the founder of many Buffalo institutions, like the Buffalo History Museum and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

Attendance at the event is viewed as a sort of university rite of passage — it's usually very cold, the ground is snow-covered and a brisk wind whips through the gravesite, located at one of the highest points in the historic cemetery. Following the ceremony, participants adjourn for a reception featuring cider and donuts. For many years the reception was held in a mausoleum; it recently was moved to the Forest Lawn Chapel, not far from the gravesite.

The memorial address at the ceremony traditionally is delivered by a UB administrator — oftentimes the administrator most recently hired. But the remarks at the 2014 Fillmore commemoration are being delivered by longtime UB political science faculty member Claude E. Welch Jr., who says he may well be “the first recidivist in the history of the remarks.”

That’s because Welch gave the remarks at the 1968 Fillmore commemoration. At the time, he was a young faculty member who also served as dean of University College — a position, he says, that’s comparable to today’s vice provost for undergraduate education.

“I was, and still remain, a political scientist,” he says, so he was a “logical choice” to give the remarks at the event.

Welch, a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and internationally known authority on human rights, African politics and civil-military relations, says speaking at the upcoming Fillmore commemoration will be a memorable way to mark the beginning of his 50th year at the university — he joined the UB faculty as an assistant professor in August 1964 after earning his doctorate from Oxford University that same year.

He says he’s honored to be giving the memorial address, which over the years has been given by numerous high-ranking UB administrators, among them vice presidents, deans, provosts and even a president — John B. Simpson delivered the remarks in 2011.

Welch remembers that day in 1968 as being particularly cold. “Reporters were there, and perhaps a photographer. They sat in their heated cars, with the engines running, waiting for a carbon copy of my speech,” he says. There also was “a chilly bugler,” he says, as well as a minister who gave an invocation.

He says he talked about the political climate during Fillmore’s term as president from 1850-53, and the impact of what is widely considered to be Fillmore’s lackluster performance as president, adding that in preparing his talk he had consulted a biography of Fillmore obtained from the UB Libraries.

Welch says that while hasn’t decided on a specific top for this January’s address, he recently audited history professor Carole Emberton’s class on the Civil War. The class, he says, was excellent. “I learned an extraordinary amount about this cataclysmic period in U.S. history. I expect to utilize that knowledge in my remarks.”

And if needed, there’s a certain biography in the UB Libraries that might be helpful.

http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/campus/campus-hostpage.host.html/content/shared/university/news/ubreporterarticles/stories/2013/welch_fillmore.detail.html?utm_source=UB+Reporter%2C+University+at+Buffalo+List&utm_campaign=fb5c4f45d1-UB_Reporter_12_12_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4767d5c470-fb5c4f45d1-63071597 (accessed 12/12/2013)



Millard Fillmore’s Grave, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY.

Millard Fillmore Remembered by Claude Welch at Annual Graveside Ceremony

By Jane Kwiatkowski | *Buffalo News Staff Reporter*
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Somewhere on Thursday morning (Jan 9, 2014),
President Millard Fillmore was smiling.

If not because of the herculean effort by the grounds crew at Forest Lawn in removing truckloads of snow from his resting place in Section F, then for the presence of a hearty band of schoolchildren from East Aurora, who knew a lot about the president who embraced education through experience.

Sebastian Howes, 14, of Alden, attends the Mandala School, a small charter middle school located on Main Street in East Aurora. Sebastian said the nation's 13th president was a popular topic at Mandala.

"Our school is in a house that Millard Fillmore visited a lot, so it's a common topic that we talk about," Sebastian said. "Millard Fillmore was friends with the owner of the house, which was the first doctor's office in East Aurora."

The observance, co-sponsored by the University at Buffalo since 1965, was originally scheduled for Fillmore's birthday on Tuesday, but the storm forced organizers to reschedule it for Thursday. "Getting up here could have been a problem," said William J. Regan, director of UB's Office of Special Events. The knoll that is home to Fillmore and other Buffalo notables was polished Thursday when temperatures were 11 degrees and the sun shone bright. At a neighboring grave, stone cherubs sprouted icicles that hung from their wings.

The theme throughout the brief late-morning ceremony was Fillmore the educator, and speaker after speaker highlighted the various academic contributions of the university's first chancellor.

"He recognized the value of higher education for all citizens of Buffalo and Western New York," said Larry Gingrich, associate dean of UB's Millard Fillmore College. "In keeping with his vision, Millard Fillmore College has served the adult population since 1923, when it first began in downtown Buffalo. MFC made it possible for adults to receive education while meeting family obligations."

The choice of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Claude E. Welch as keynote speaker is believed to be the first time in the 49 years of UB sponsorship that a main speaker was invited back, according to Regan. Welch did not disappoint. The graduate of Harvard University, who earned an advanced degree from Oxford University, was an up-and-coming faculty member in the department of political science when he delivered his first address at Fillmore's grave in 1968.

This time, he chronicled Fillmore's life and the lessons he lived by.

"Though your time in school is short, pursue self-education," Welch told about 30 people who attended the ceremony. "Millard Fillmore was in a large measure an autodidact. We academics like to toss out terms like that. It means to teach yourself."

Source:<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/higher-education/millard-fillmore-remembered-at-annual-graveside-ceremony-20140109> (accessed 1/10/2014)



Dr. Claude Welch delivering the annual speech at Millard Fillmore's graveside, Buffalo, NY, January, 2014.

Editor's Note: A video from UB covering this event can be seen at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBZa6ljsxXc>

For a more humorous story on this event by CBS News' Sunday morning correspondent Mo Rocca, and including an interview with Professor Welch, see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gbU7zZltgI>

History of Our Political Science Department - The University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Frederic J. Fleron, Jr. Professor Emeritus
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The University at Buffalo was my intellectual and pedagogical home from July 1970 to August 2003. I was one of five new faculty members joining the department at the beginning of the 1970-71 academic year, thereby bringing the total number of political science faculty to 31. During those 33 years I was fortunate to be surrounded by many stimulating colleagues, both inside the department and throughout the university. Following are my major recollections concerning important aspects of the department and significant changes that took place in both personnel and our graduate and undergraduate programs of study.

At the outset let me say that during my tenure the department encouraged innovations in both research and pedagogy. Faculty were allowed and even encouraged to combine their pedagogical and research interests. As a result I was able to introduce a number of new undergraduate and graduate courses into our curriculum. Although I was hired as a specialist on Soviet politics and foreign policy (annually teaching undergraduates courses and occasionally graduate courses on those subjects), I soon began teaching courses on Comparative Communist Political Systems and East European Politics. In addition, I introduced

both undergraduate and graduate courses on Politics & Technology—a new area of research interest for me soon after I joined the faculty—and regularly taught courses on that subject. All told, I taught more than two dozen different undergraduate and graduate courses during my 33 year tenure at UB.

The introduction of Politics & Technology (that I subsequently taught for many years) into our undergraduate curriculum in the mid-1970s was the result of an initiative in our undergraduate program in order to attract non-majors to more of our courses. Yes, we had a fair number of non-majors in our 100-level courses, but very few in our upper division course (i.e., courses number 250 and above). In order to overcome that gap, we decided to introduce a number of courses numbered 200-249 that had an interdisciplinary bent in the hope of attracting more non-majors. As I recall, those new courses included Politics and Literature, Politics and Psychology, Politics and Society, and Politics and Technology. (There may have been others that have escaped my memory.) My recollection is that those courses lasted for many years and were indeed successful in attracting non-majors who were reticent to take our 3200-400 level courses for fear of competing with our majors. I taught both Politics and Technology (PSC 224) and Politics and Society (PSC 222). Politics and Society was essentially a course on political sociology.

The graduate program underwent several important changes during my tenure at the university. By the end of the 1970, the department had put in place a nicely structured program that included a core requirement of four methods courses and a distribution requirement for all Ph.D. Students. The methods courses included seminars on the logical of inquiry (essentially philosophy of social science), research design & analysis, and two statistics courses. In addition, doctoral students were required to take 3 of the 5 field seminars from among political philosophy, American politics, comparative politics, international politics, and public policy.

Several factors worked to weaken the department since 1970. First, a small group of faculty—the so-called Gang of Four—proved to obstruct many initiatives in both programs and personnel. They were

not successful in thwarting the development of important curricular initiatives, but they were successful in blocking a number of key external faculty appointments.

Second, during the 1980s and 1990s the department faculty proved to be much too picky and demanding in its efforts to recruit both junior and senior faculty. In the intervening years, I have noticed many of these scholars as authors of articles in our leading journals and appointed to leading colleges and universities. In other words, our own “high standards” caused us to by-pass a number of important faculty appointments.

Third, in the early 1980s then Dean of Social Science Kenneth Levy ranked our department in the lowest third of UB Social Science departments in terms of the allocation of resources. This resulted in negative growth of the department from which we never really recovered. When I joined the department in 1970, faculty numbered 31 (if you include Al Somit, who was Executive Vice President (or some such position). By the time I retired in 2003, the department was half that number. Dean Levy’s low ranking of the department resulted in the immediate loss of three junior faculty members from our public policy program. They saw the hand-writing on the wall and bailed out. One became a faculty member at the University of Delaware, a second became a dean at the University of Missouri, and the third became president of the University of New Hampshire. All soon became established scholars with national reputations. Nice job, Ken.

Fourth, a small group of faculty continuously engaged in gallows humor that included put-downs of their own colleagues. When added to the division created by the Gang of Four, this did little to set a tone of collegiality in the department.

All four of these factors interacted to have a long-term negative impact on a department that had showed so much promise during the 1970s. Fortunately the department also included a number of more civilized colleagues—colleagues who were a pleasure to be around and who were quite intellectually stimulating as well.

Although largely outside the purview of the political science department, I should not fail to mention the revisions of our General Education curriculum and the founding of the Undergraduate College in the late 1980s and early 1990s under the direction of two Vice Provosts for Undergraduate Education: Jim Bunn (English) and subsequently John Thorpe (Mathematics). This was an exciting experience that involved me in many stimulating discussions with colleagues from many departments throughout the university, first as a Senior Member of the UGC and later as Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Although sabotaged at many turns by VPAA Bill Greiner, our efforts were strongly supported by President Steve Sample.

Helping to design the GenEd requirements for future generations of UB undergraduates was one of the most stimulating and rewarding experiences of my pedagogical lifetime—from the development of Freshman Seminars (one of which I taught on an experimental basis) to the World Civilization sequence (the pilot program for which I administered and brokered for two years, although never taught) to an effort with Ed Strainchamps (Music) and Ed Dudley (Comp. Lit. [*actually Modern Languages – cew*]) to develop a Senior Integrative Course—an effort that was not successful in the final analysis, but that sure was a lot of fun in the trying.

Latin American Judges at UB

By Ilene Fleischmann, UB Law School

Nearly three dozen Latin American judges were in residence at the UB Law School in June and September 2013 in a unique collaboration between the Law School and the UB Department of Political Science. Stephen Halpern, professor of political science and a 1983 graduate of the law school, and Lynn Mather, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor who holds a joint appointment in the Law School and the Department of Political Science, have worked together since November to arrange the visit.

The 35 judges, who serve in Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru, were at UB under the auspices of the *Academia de Intercambio y Estudios Judiciales* (Judicial Exchange and Study Academy). Founded in 2010 and headquartered in Buenos Aires, Argentina, AIEJ develops judicial training programs in many areas, including the values of judicial independence and work efficiency for judges, prosecutors, advocates and court staff.

The first visit took place June 17 to 21. A second group of judges visited for a week in September 2013. All judges took part in conferences in the UB Law School. "We recognize the importance of hosting international guests, of facilitating and cultivating international contacts for academic exchange and relationship building," says Joseph E. Schneider, the law school's director of post-professional and international education. "These judges have expressed an interest in drawing on our expertise in various areas, and our faculty are very excited to put themselves in front of these judges, share what they've learned and respond to their questions," he added.

Lynn Mather; Hon. Ricardo Li Rosi, judge of the National Civil Court of Appeals, Argentina, and general director of the *Academia de Intercambio y Estudios Judiciales*; and UB President Satish K. Tripathi first met in April 2013 when the judge visited UB to plan the residency. The Latin American judges include jurists working in civil, criminal, appeals and labor courts. They will both present on topics of mutual interest and hear from U.S.- based lawyers and political scientists.

During the first visit, conference participants on the U.S. side included, in addition to Halpern and Mather:

- James Eaglin, director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., the education and research agency for the federal courts. Eaglin received his PhD in public policy from UB. A 1975 graduate of the UB Law School, he is affiliated with AIEJ.
- Claude Welch, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in the UB Department of Political Science.
- Tara Melish, UB associate professor, law and director of the Buffalo Human Rights Center.

Mather gave an overview of the U.S. legal system; Welch and Melish presented on current issues in human rights law; and Halpern's talk was titled "Reflections on Judicial Independence." UB faculty presenting at the September conference were Professor David A. Westbrook, Floyd H. and Hilda Hurst Faculty Scholar and director for global strategic initiatives; Errol E. Meidinger, professor and director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy; and Luis Chiesa, an internationally known criminal law scholar with extensive experience in Latin America who will join the faculty in the fall.

The Latin American judges also toured U.S. District Court in Buffalo, where they observed a sentencing hearing with Hon. Richard J. Arcara and met with Hon. William M. Skretny, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Western New York. The judges also heard presentations on such topics as pharmaceutical regulation, reform of the Argentine civil code, consumer rights, intellectual property and biotechnology.



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Jackie Sievert Wins 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award and Other Honors

Jackie Sievert, one of the department's top graduate students received a number of honors this past year, including a special one – a job!

Best Graduate Paper Award

First, Jackie was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Department's Best Paper Award for the best paper written by a graduate student in the 2012-2013 academic year. Jackie's paper, "Incentives for Independence: Explaining the Creation of Independent Court in Non-Democracies" was an early version of the model that has ultimately become the basis for her dissertation research.

Journeys in World Politics

Sievert was also selected to attend the 2013 *Journeys in World Politics* Workshop held at the University of Iowa. The workshop brings together female scholarship in International Relations and Comparative politics to discuss ongoing research projects and issues pertaining to women in political science. Jackie was selected to present her dissertation research, "Incentives for Independence: Explaining the Creation of Independent Court in Non-Democracies". This project develops a game-theoretic model that shows authoritarian leaders can allow judicial independence to learn about the resolve of an aggrieved group within society. This in turn allows the regime to determine what level of concessions will satisfy the group's demands and thereby prevent mobilization against the state. She tests the implications of the model with a survey experiment designed to understand what factors influence an individual's decision to challenge an executive's unilateral action. The findings of this project have important implications for understanding variation in judicial independence and the likelihood of civil unrest.

EITM Scholarship

Jackie was also awarded a scholarship to attend the ICPSR summer institute by the *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Institute*. She will apply for the 2014 EITM Summer Institute at Duke University. The opportunity to strengthen her empirical and game-theoretic research skills at ICPSR strengthened her job market applications.

A job!

Jackie has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina where she will teach courses in Comparative and Middle Eastern Politics as well as the research methods sequence for IR and Comparative students.

A question of rights

Govinda Bhattarai

Human rights in the constitution

Respect for human rights is often perceived to be a prerequisite for democracy. Not all democracies, however, have sound records when it comes to protecting human rights. Human rights records are relatively better in democracies that treat such rights as constitutional rights. Standards for human rights protection can, therefore, be realized only through direct and strong support from a nation's legal and political institutions. At a time when the newly elected second Constituent Assembly is gearing up to draft a new constitution, it is worth discussing why human rights should be enshrined in the constitution. It is equally important to consider including civil and political rights as non-derogable while social and economic ones can be realized progressively over time.

There has been a proliferation of international human rights laws following the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948. The International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Convention on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

(ICESCR), which along with the UDHR form the International Bill of Rights, were adopted in 1966. In addition, there are other important international and regional instruments that aim at protecting and promoting human rights across the globe. A growing number of international non-governmental organizations are working in the field and many multinational corporations have made human rights protection part of their business policy. However, there is a mismatch between instruments and their implementation.

There are at least two reasons adoption and ratification of international treaties and conventions have failed to translate into improvement in human rights situation. First, there is no effective international mechanism to enforce international human rights treaties and to punish states that violate their citizens' rights. There are various bodies within the United Nations system that are responsible for monitoring human rights violations. Their primary job is to review reports submitted by member states and evaluate their human rights situations. There are two problems with this mechanism. First, there are many countries that have not ratified international human rights treaties and are therefore out of their radar. Second, even those that have ratified may not report their human rights situations truthfully.

The second reason is that states can flout international treaties with impunity in the absence of strong punitive measures. Some countries like the US and the United Kingdom have legal provisions that allow domestic courts to try individuals who violated human rights in other countries. But their jurisdiction is limited within their borders. Some progress towards international justice system was made when international tribunals were established to try individuals alleged to be responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Rwanda and Yugoslavia. But for various reasons, they have had mixed success. Establishment of the International Criminal Court as a permanent tribunal to prosecute individuals involved in these crimes has been a significant step in this regard. But it is not free from controversy, and some powerful states like the US are not part of it.

The problem could partly be resolved by treating human rights as constitutional rights. Since states are both perpetrators and protectors of human rights, inclusion of human rights in the constitution, the primary source of domestic law, will consolidate legal protection of rights. Although states that ratify international human rights treaties are required to incorporate them in the domestic legal system, many have derogated from them without consequences. Once the human rights provisions are included in the constitution, the government will be legally bound to protect them, and the state legislature will be required to pass laws corresponding to the constitutional provisions. The judiciary, as the final arbiter, will also make sure the laws passed conform to human rights provisions and can prosecute those responsible for violations.

Not all rights, however, can be treated as inalienable even though all human rights should be considered universal. As reflected in the International Bill of Rights, there are basically two types of rights (civil and political, and economic and social rights) in the broader sense, although a third category (solidarity rights) also exists. Solidarity rights can be subsumed in the first two types and should not trump individual rights.

Civil and political rights, also called the first generation of human rights, refer to a set of rights that protect individuals against state interference and deal with individual liberty and participation in political life. Derived mostly from English Bill of Rights, French Declaration of Rights of Man and the Citizen, American Declaration of Independence and US Bill of Rights, these rights set forth in UDHR and enumerated in ICCPR include right to vote, right to assemble, right to free speech, right to a fair trial, right to freedom from torture and abuse, and right to protection of law. They also include freedom from discrimination, freedom from inhuman treatment, freedom from unlawful detention, and right to property.

The economic social rights, also called the second generation of human rights, refer to a set of rights that are associated with material requirements for individuals' well being. Mostly derived from socialist

traditions as a reaction to extreme disparity of wealth in capitalist societies, these rights embodied in UDHR Articles 22-27 and enumerated in ICESCR include the right to food, the right to shelter, the right to medical treatment, the right to education, the right to employment, the right to rest and leisure, and the right to protection of one's creations and inventions.

Civil and political rights are also classified as 'negative' rights and economic and social as 'positive' ones. Negative rights are intangible rights like right to life and liberty that only require the state to refrain from certain behaviors like unlawful detention, torture, and discrimination whereas positive rights require the state to ensure that people have access to goods or opportunities that enable them to live a decent life. However, the categorization of these rights into negative and positive rights is not always helpful, because some negative rights require state action and resources while some positive rights do not. For example, the state needs to act and mobilize its resources to ensure free and fair elections (negative right) whereas state inaction will ensure individuals' freedom of choosing employment and forming trade unions (positive rights).

There may be debates as to why we should recommend including civil and political rights as inviolable rights and economic and social rights as those to be fulfilled progressively in the new constitution. First, the national constitution needs to be aligned with the spirit of international human rights instruments. The International Bill of Rights do not envisage hierarchy of one type of rights over the other and imply that the two sets of rights are interdependent and reinforce each other. However, the language used with regard to fulfillment of economic, social and cultural rights clearly indicates that there are limitations to the realization of these rights. Economic and social rights are to be realized "in accordance with the organization and resources of each State" (UDHR, Article 22) and "to the maximum of [state's] available resources, with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the rights" (ICESCR, Article 2).

Secondly, constitutional requirements to provide economic and social rights may lead to controversy since there is no limit to how much one can demand of the state. Since realization of these rights requires a huge amount of resources and there are limited resources, it is practically impossible for the state to fulfill all those demands. This, however, does not mean that the state should do nothing towards fulfilling these rights. The state should always be mindful of the need for development and invest maximum amount of resources in infrastructure development that benefits all citizens. Provisions may also be put in place requiring the state to provide basic needs like school education and primary health care. But if stretched too far, the state runs the risk of failing, which will have negative externalities for all.

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Grad students and families enjoying a late-summer picnic, Amherst, NY, September 2013.

Effecting Change in Girls' Education

Girl Effect aims to help oppressed girls worldwide receive education

By KEREN BARUCH

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Courtesy of Samah Asfour

Samah Asfour, a junior political science and global gender studies major, is a first-generation American. The rest of her family is in what she considers her homeland – Palestine – and due to political and social oppression, she said many of her family members don't have the opportunity to get an education.

"I'm basically dedicating my career to ensure that the next generations of my family still living in Palestine receive the same education that I have been blessed with here in the states," she said.

Asfour is the president of UB Girl Effect, a club on campus that works to promote female education in third-world countries in hopes of alleviating poverty.

Asfour believes she owes children around the world experiencing war and poverty her utmost effort to improve their situations – not just those in the Middle East.

The Girl Effect is a national movement that leverages adolescent girls' potential to end poverty for themselves, their families, communities, countries and the world, as stated on its website. It's "about making girls visible and changing their social and economic

dynamics by providing them with specific, powerful and relevant resources," the website states.

This Sunday, the group is hosting the second annual "Night of Girl Power" in Norton 112, where the Royal Pitches, Buffalo Chips and slam poets will perform on the topic of female empowerment. Last semester, UB Girl Effect teamed up with the Royal Pitches to host the event and raised \$250 to donate to the national Girl Effect movement. The club hopes to raise more money this year.

Asfour, Kerry McPhee, a junior political science and global gender studies major and vice president of Girl Effect, and junior political science and sociology major Samantha Vranic started the club on campus their freshman year. They were inspired by a YouTube video.

Many club members decided to join the movement after watching Girl Effect's "The Clock is Ticking," a three-minute YouTube video about young girls who live in poverty. The video, which was posted three years ago, has over 1.5 million views.

McPhee watched "The Clock is Ticking" before entering her freshman year at UB. "From that [moment], I knew I had to bring [Girl Effect] to campus," McPhee said. "I learned that the situation for millions of girls worldwide is severe and, for that, I had to take action and help in any way I could."

McPhee's parents never attended college. Her father told her almost daily that education is the most important tool a person can have, she said. Her parents worked hard to ensure their children could have better lives than they did, according to McPhee.

"The UB Girl Effect raises awareness on the ever-present situation many girls face: the absence of education," McPhee said. "Due to cultural practices, girls are excluded from school based on the pure reasoning that they are girls. I find this completely unjust and have always pursued a passion in reaching equality for others."

For two years, McPhee worked at Journey's End Refugee Services in Buffalo teaching English as a

second language. She found inspiration there from all the people who were yearning to learn in order to create a better life for themselves, and more importantly, their children, she said. Sometimes, she taught English to people much older than her; their enthusiasm for education inspired her even more.

“Education is key to reaching a more equal and peaceful society, and that is exactly what the UB Girl Effect preaches,” she said.

Asfour said the club has come a long way in the past two years and it transformed from merely an idea into an actual club that affects the UB community.

“There will always be more we can do to raise awareness,” Asfour said. “If you stop a person in the hall and ask if they know what the Girl Effect is, and they do, that would be a great step. Again, we are doing this for young girls in third-world countries. We must remind ourselves of this every day.”

McPhee said “The Clock is Ticking” video is inspiring; it’s what influenced her and Asfour to get involved with Girl Effect, and almost every time they play it to students, those watching want to know how they can help the cause. McPhee said that’s how the message usually starts. When Girl Effect club members show the video, viewers seem to automatically want to know what they can do to help. McPhee said that’s when action starts – people make donations and help the club raise money for things like school desks, binders, papers and transportation.

Elif Capar, a senior legal studies major and member of the club, is passionate about Girl Effect’s mission. She was born and raised in America, but her family is originally from Turkey. She said there are a few rural areas in Turkey that don’t approve of educating women. She feels fortunate to have grown up in a family that supported educating women, so now, she’s fighting for women’s rights with the club.

“The majority of our meetings consist of planning and organizing events to raise awareness and donations to assist girls in developing countries,” Capar said. “The rest of our meetings are composed of raising

awareness between members of the UB Girl Effect and learning about different ways we can help.”

Capar said club members also read to young girls who have just immigrated to Buffalo.

McPhee hopes to go to law school and obtain a degree in international and human rights law. She is an advocate for gender equality and wants to be a lawyer in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

“My passion in life is to be an advocate in creating a gender-equal world,” McPhee said. “As Hillary Clinton once said, ‘I believe that the rights of women and girls is the most unfinished business of the 21st century.’ And I could not agree more. My future goals relate directly to the goals of the UB Girl Effect.”

Asfour said, in her opinion, the Israeli occupation of Palestine has affected people economically, so it’s difficult for students to attend college. She hopes to help Palestinian girls, as well as oppressed girls worldwide, receive the proper education that her grandparents and family members might never be able to have.

They are two of the students dedicating their futures to ensuring girls worldwide are given the opportunity to receive an education – that’s the mission of UB Girl Effect.

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Carlisle Rainey – Our Newest Department Member

I am enjoying my first year in the Department of Political Science here at UB. My research focuses on elections, political behavior, and methodology. I finished my Ph.D. from Florida State this past summer. I have an article forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science* and several invitations to revise and

resubmit manuscripts from other journals. Since coming to UB, I have taught introductory classes in American politics, comparative politics, and research methods, as well as a linear models class for our Ph.D. students. I have enjoyed teaching the undergraduates, and our graduate students continually impress me with the quality of their work.

My wife and I moved to Buffalo in August and experienced our first Western New York summer. We rode our bikes to the farmers market, explored walking trails, and discovered great local restaurants. I arrived a little too late to visit the local golf courses, but I am excited to check those out this coming summer.

Since my wife and I had always lived in the South, we weren't quite sure what to expect from a Buffalo winter. When we told friends about our move, they would only chuckle at the idea of us brushing snow from our cars and shoveling our sidewalks. Well, our first winter did not disappoint. We have adjusted well though, learning how to deal with the downsides and enjoying the upsides, like a beautiful frozen Niagara Falls.



UB Graduate Ted Carmines becomes president of Midwest Political Science Association

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Indiana University Bloomington political scientist Edward G. Carmines has become

president of the [Midwest Political Science Association](#), the second largest political science organization in the U.S.

He assumed the presidency April 5 at the association's annual meeting in Chicago. More than 5,000 attendees from across the U.S. and from more than 50 other countries participated in the meeting, which included lectures, discussions, career development opportunities and presentations in 70 sections based on different subfields or areas of study.

Carmines is Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor and Rudy Professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He graduated from UB in 1975 with a PhD in Political Science.

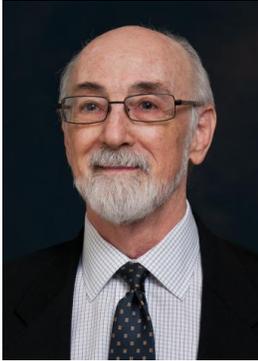
His research on elections, public opinion, political behavior and methodology has been published in major political science journals, including the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science and Journal of Politics. He is the author of six books, two of which received the American Political Science Association's Gladys M. Kammerer Award for the best book in the field of U.S. national policy. In 2012, his book "Issue Evolution: Race and Transformation in American Politics" received the American Political Science Association Philip E. Converse Award for an outstanding and influential book published at least five years earlier.

He directs the Center on American Politics and is director of research of the Center on Congress at Indiana University.

Founded in 1939 from a meeting at Turkey Run State Park in Indiana, the Midwest Political Science Association is dedicated to advancing scholarship in all areas of political science. It promotes the professional study and teaching of political science, facilitates discussion among scholars, develops standards for research and encourages research in theoretical and practical political questions.

The association publishes the quarterly [American Journal of Political Science](#), a leading journal for research in all areas of political science.

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UB Grad Harvey Starr Serves as President of the International Studies Association, 2013-2014

A UB graduate and political scientist teaching at the University of South Carolina (USC), **Harvey Starr**, the Dag Hammarskjold Professor in International Affairs, has recently stepped down after a year's service as president of the International Studies Association (ISA), the largest and most respected international studies organization in the world.

Upon being informed of his election, Professor Starr said "I'm extraordinarily pleased to represent ISA and its diverse and vibrant community of scholars." Founded in 1959, the organization has more than 5,000 members from 80 countries. Its "International Studies Quarterly" is considered by many to be the premier journal in the international relations.

Respected by students, Starr learned from several of his own professors the importance of inspiring students to explore and find their passion. At age 16, the Queens native entered SUNY Buffalo with a tireless work ethic and a love for ancient history. That was where he met history professor Theodore Friend, who

later became the president of Swarthmore College, and game theorist Glenn Snyder. Both influenced him profoundly. Friend further ignited his love for history; Snyder introduced him to the field of international relations, which broadened his interests in world affairs. "I came to see political science as a better way of integrating all these concepts about people, countries and decision making," Starr said.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from UB at age 20 in 1967, Starr headed to Yale because it was regarded as the top political science department in the country and had a cutting-edge, social science-focus. There that he met Bruce Russett, one of the top international relations scholars in the world. Russett mentored Starr, who himself has become a distinguished scholar in international relations.

A prolific author, Starr has written more than a dozen books and monographs and 90 articles that have broadened modern understanding of geopolitics during a time in which the Berlin wall tumbled, the Cold War ended, political ideologies shifted, China emerged as a dominant economic power and mobile technology evolved as a vehicle for empowering citizens.

Starr joined USC's faculty in 1989, having previously taught at Indiana University. He was chairman of the political science department in the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998 – 2006.

Starr says in addition to exploring new publications, the ISA will focus greater attention on women and diversity as well as professional development and professional rights and responsibilities.

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Munroe Eagles Receives International Award

Donald Munroe Eagles, professor of political science and director of the Canadian Studies Program, was honored in December with the 2013 Award for “Outstanding Contributions to International Education at UB. Eagles was honored at an awards luncheon annually hosted by the Council on International Studies and Programs, which established the award ten years ago.

Presiding at the awards ceremony were David Engel, chair of the Council and SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Law, and Stephen Dunnett, vice provost for international education. Provost Charles Zukoski presented the award; Eagles was introduced by Claude E. Welch, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, who nominated him for the award. Eagles was recognized for his longstanding contributions to a variety of international endeavors at UB, chief among them the Canadian Studies academic program in the Department of Transnational Studies.

That program took a major step forward in fall 2013 with the launch of the Joint M.A. Program in Canadian-American Studies with Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. The first program of its kind, the Joint M.A. enrolls students at both institutions in a program that involves course work and research at both institutions. The degree program builds upon the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies established several years ago.



(L-R) Stephen Dunnett, David Engel, Lorraine Oak, Munroe Eagles, Jane Koustas (Brock), and Charles Zukoski.

Eagles’ own research focuses on Canadian politics and elections. Working with the Canadian American Studies Committee, chaired by Dr. Lorraine Oak, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, Eagles has championed research and education about Canada, recognizing UB’s proximity to Canada and the myriad of ties between UB faculty and Canadian counterparts as one of the university’s signal strengths.

This article originally appeared in the Fall 2013 issue of *UB International*. See:

<http://inted.oie.buffalo.edu/news/ubintlfall2013.pdf>



Political Science colleagues enjoying the annual beginning of semester 4th floor Political Science luncheon at Arirong Korean restaurant near the north campus in August, 2013. L-R are Dinissa Duvanova, Carlisle Ranney, Vesna Danilovich, Claude Welch, and Jim Battista. Munroe Eagles is behind the camera.

Lynn Mather Appointed “SUNY Distinguished Service Professor”



Lynn Mather joined the UB faculty in 2002 as professor of law and political science, and director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. She previously held the Nelson A. Rockefeller Chair in Government at Dartmouth College and was a Dartmouth faculty member for more than 30 years,

A leading scholar in the field of law and society, she has published extensively on lawyers, legal professionalism, women in the legal profession, courts in popular culture, litigation against tobacco, trial courts and public policy, divorce mediation, plea bargaining and the transformation of disputes.

Her most recent books are *Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context* (University of Chicago Press, 2012), co-edited with Leslie C. Levin, and *Private Lawyers and the Public Interest: The Evolving Role of Pro Bono in the Legal Profession* (Oxford University Press, 2009), co-edited with UB sociologist Robert Granville.

A former president (2001-02) of the international Law and Society Association, she continues to remain active in the multidisciplinary, scholarly association, contributing to its intellectual pursuits and mentoring younger colleagues in the field.

Congratulations, Lynn!

This is an excerpt from a story in the *UB Reporter* that appeared May 9, 2013.

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Graduate Students enjoying some late summer weather at a welcome picnic in Amherst, NY, September 2013.



Kathryn Friedman named Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center

By Rachael Teaman

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She’s been recognized as an “up and coming scholar doing innovative work” by the American Society of

International Law. Now UB faculty member Kathryn Bryk Friedman has joined some of the best and brightest scholars and experts from around the world as a new Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Friedman, director of international research at UB's Regional Institute and a research associate professor of law and policy in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, will serve as a Wilson Center Global Fellow through August 2015. The non-residential fellow Friedman to remain at UB.

As a Wilson fellow, she will contribute to the center's scholarship through research, analysis and publications as part of the center's Canada Institute, a nonpartisan program to build awareness and knowledge about Canada and Canada-U.S. relations among U.S. policymakers and opinion leaders.

The center's work informs the nation's public policy debates via nonpartisan and relevant research and information.

A recent Fulbright Fellow and member of the Foreign Policy Association, Friedman is a highly regarded expert on the Canada-U.S. relationship. She serves as U.S. lead on several international research and engagement networks concerning border policy and the Great Lakes. She frequently speaks and writes on transboundary governance and international law issues related to the Canada-U.S. relationship, including trade, border security and water governance.

Friedman also teaches courses on NAFTA, comparative law and international development, research and writing for international students, and international trade in the School of Architecture and Planning and at the UB Law School. She is a Fellow of the Foreign Policy Association, member of the Advisory Council for the Niagara Observatory at Brock University and Women in International Security. She also served as Vice Chair of the International Law and Practice Section of the New York State Bar Association.

She holds a PhD in political science from UB, with concentrations in international relations and comparative political economy, and graduated magna

cum laude from the UB Law School, where she was an International Law Fellow and editor-in-chief of Buffalo Law Review. She also served as confidential law clerk to two associate judges on the New York Court of Appeals.

http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/spotlight.host.html/content/shared/university/news/ub-reporter-articles/stories/2013/profile_friedman.detail.html
(accessed 1/24/2014)

Editor's Note: Dr. Friedman is one of two UB academics to be named to the prestigious "Global Fellow" position by the Wilson Institute. Nik Nanos, Research Associate Professor of Canadian Studies at UB was also given this honor this year.

Eric Hanson named to 'Paul D. Senese' Graduate Assistantship

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce Eric Hanson as the recipient of the Paul D. Senese Graduate Assistantship for the 2013-2014 academic year. In the fall of 2007, the Department's faculty approved the naming of the graduate assistantship in honor of the late Paul D. Senese, an accomplished and promising scholar in international politics who died tragically after a battle with cancer.

The assistantship is meant to recognize graduate students who display superior performance and dedication to the program. The award reflects Paul's own commitment to UB, political science, and the study of international politics.

Eric's research focuses on the intersection of domestic politics and international relations, specifically with a focus on the conflict behavior of democracies. His dissertation, entitled "Legislative Opposition and War Duration," investigates the impact of political opposition on the duration of war. The primary theoretical contribution demonstrates that it is possible--although tragic--for legislative opposition to influence international crisis bargaining, with the result of prolonging costly conflict. We are pleased to recognize and perpetuate Paul's legacy and honor Eric's achievement with this award.

Political Science Student Ambassadors

Under Dean Bruce Pitman, the College of Arts & Sciences has introduced a 'student ambassador' program. The College Ambassadors are a group of undergraduate students pursuing a major within the College of Arts and Sciences who have excelled academically and are involved in campus and community groups. These student volunteers are nominated by faculty and staff to represent the College at a variety of university-sponsored events.

Ambassadors serve as liaisons between the Dean's Office and the student body and provide insights and information to prospective students and their parents during recruitment events such as Open House. In return for their service, Ambassadors receive special professional development opportunities, such as leadership training, access to community engagement activities and networking opportunities with faculty, donors and alumni.

We asked our two departmental ambassadors to introduce themselves to you, and here are their contributions:

Kerry McPhee:

Kerry McPhee, a Buffalo native is an Honors Political Science and Global Gender Studies student who holds a true passion in researching and advocating for women and girls rights. Kerry has interned with the International Rescue Committee and has started a campus wide initiative called the UB Girl Effect to raise awareness and funds to promote the accessibility of female education universally. In the fall, Kerry plans on studying abroad at the University of Cape Town, South Africa where she will hold a research internship at the Gender, Health, and Justice Research Unit. Her research will examine the correlation between income disparity and its direct effect on indigenous women. After college, Kerry hopes to enlist in the United States Peace Corps where she will serve for 27 months. Upon returning from the Peace Corps, she has ambitions to pursue her Jurist Doctorate in International and Human Rights Law and Master of Arts in International Affairs.

As an Ambassador, I've attended a number of events for prospective students, current students and alumni. Like most of the other Ambassadors, I volunteered at Open House (and will volunteer again at the accepted Students' Day at the end of the month), and have also presented at a number of classes for freshmen talking about the student experience within certain programs. With respect to events involving alumni, I attended the Dean's Advisory Council meeting in November to talk about my experience with the Political Science, SSI International Studies, and Romance Language departments and attended the Alumni Scholarship Awards dinner in the spring of 2014.

There are a number of events that we are asked to attend every semester, and I would say that, so far, the program has been a success!



Elise Roberts:

I am from Buffalo and continue to be involved in several activities in the community, such as cantoring at 8:00 mass every Sunday at my home parish and working part-time at the Cheesecake Factory. I will be graduating in May with a triple major in Political Science, SSI International Studies and Italian, and a minor in French. After graduation, I plan on taking a gap year before continuing my education and pursuing a doctorate in International Affairs, specifically Peace and Conflict Resolution. I'm still waiting to hear if I've

been accepted, but hopefully next year I will be working as an ESL teacher in northern Italy.

As a student at UB, I have been pretty active in extracurricular activities since my freshman year, when I worked with Dr. Nicoletti (who was, at the time, the graduate student instructor for my PSC 102 class) and a couple of other students to start UB's chapter of the SUNY Model European Union. Since then, the UBMEU has sent delegations every year to the annual summit, the most recent of which was in Brussels, Belgium. This year, I acted as Student Director and initiated the group's application to official, SA-recognized club status.

This semester (Spring 2014), I'm conducting research to write an undergraduate thesis analyzing the socialist and familist elements in a comparative study of Italian and Iranian neorealist film movements under the direction of Dr. Laura Chiesa of the Italian department and Dr. Vesna Danilovic of the Political Science department.

During my time at UB, I have also been fortunate to travel almost every year. I spent a semester in Florence, Italy my sophomore year after attending the 2012 Model European Union summit in Exeter, UK. This past summer, I participated in Global Youth Connect's Human Rights Program in Kigali, Rwanda, which is a month-long program comprised of 15 international students from countries such as the US, Canada, England, Australia, China and Bosnia; and 15 Rwandan students. Most recently, I spent three weeks in Europe surrounding the 2014 MEU summit in Brussels. This most recent summit was the first time that our group has received any funding from the school, and it was the funding from the StudentLife Association and the Honors College Academic Enrichment Fund that made the trip possible for me.

Editor's note: Elise Roberts is one of only 15 UB recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for this year

Editor's Note: As we go to press with this issue of "The Pulse" I am saddened to note the death in April in Bogota, Colombia, of Professor Gary Hoskin. A full obituary will appear in next year's newsletter.

Obituary – Franco Mattei

Adapted from *The Reporter* by Munroe Eagles



Franco Mattei

Reporter Obituary Published August 22, 2013

Franco Mattei, associate professor emeritus of history, died Aug. 11 while visiting family in Florence, Italy.

Mattei earned a MA in political science from Ohio State and a PhD in political science from the University of Florence. He joined the UB faculty in 1992 after serving as a postdoctoral teaching fellow at the University of Rochester and a senior cultural specialist in the Cultural Affairs Office of the American Embassy in Rome.

A specialist in presidential and congressional elections, presidential nominating campaigns and voting behavior, he also served as director for graduate studies and chair of the Department of Political Science. He retired from UB in 2011.

Services were held on Aug. 14.

Franco will be warmly remembered for his radiant smile, his sense of humor, and his passion for, and encyclopedic knowledge of, American politics. He worked tirelessly for the department in a number of capacities over his years with us. Among other things, he served as Director of Graduate Studies, as an Interim Chair of the Department, and on many other committees. He was co-responsible for our department's first web presence, enthusiastically writing tedious raw html code in the early 1990s (in the age before web editors) to showcase the

department's programs and people. Sadly, Franco was stricken with health problems in the last years of his life. He struggled valiantly against these, however, and was a regular working out at UB's gym. We will miss Franco and deeply regret his tragic passing.

Obituary – Madeleine Stern

The Buffalo News, December 2, 2013



April 22, 1924 – Nov. 30, 2013

A burial service for Madeleine Stern, associate librarian emeritus of the University at Buffalo Lockwood Library and wife of the founding chair of the Political Science department, the late Robert Stern, was held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Forest Lawn, followed by a memorial gathering at 3 p.m. in the Lombardo Funeral Home, 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst.

Mrs. Stern died Saturday at her home in Amherst. She was 89.

A native of Budapest, Hungary, Mrs. Stern graduated with a master's degree in French literature from Columbia University and a master's in library science from SUNY Geneseo State.

She worked as associate librarian at UB's Lockwood Library and retired in 1986 as assistant director of collection development.

She began her association with the university in 1957 as an instructor in French. Between 1963 and 1973, she held a variety of positions in the cataloging and acquisitions departments in the UB libraries, including head of the serials division in the cataloging department and assistant head of the acquisitions department.

In 1972-73, Mrs. Stern served as planner of the Undergraduate Library. From 1974 until her retirement, she directed collection development activities for Lockwood while also serving as acting head of Lockwood from 1975-1978.

As acting head of Lockwood, she oversaw the relocation of the library's 1 million volumes and staff from the South Campus to the North Campus. After Mrs. Stern's retirement, her husband established the Madeleine Stern Fund for the Lockwood Humanities Collection in her honor.

Mrs. Stern was a member of the American Library Association, the State University of New York Library Association, and the Association of Libraries at UB. She also served on the Camp Weona board of directors.

Survivors include three sons, Harvey, David and Thomas; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, George Ivers.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/obituaries/madeleine-stern-ub-associate-librarian-emeritus-20131202> (accessed 12/4/2013)

Professor Robert Stern's obituary can be found in last year's edition of *The Pulse*.

Obituary – Tracy Jarvis, PhD



LEXINGTON, Ky. - Tracy R. Jarvis, 49, wife of the late Paul Senese, passed away on Aug. 20, 2013. She is the daughter of Bobbie Burke Jarvis and the late Lindle Jarvis, after a year-long battle with ovarian cancer. Tracy, a life-long learner, received degrees from the University of Illinois, Centre College, Johns Hopkins

University, and her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. For the last decade she worked as a certified life coach.

Besides being Paul's soul mate, Tracy taught on a sessional basis for the department for several years in the early 2000s. She was an intelligent, cheerful, fun-loving and relentlessly positive person who will be sorely missed by all who knew her. While in hospice in Kentucky, Tracy expressed her thanks to her friends and supporters helped her in her struggle. She wrote: *"I'm in hospice in ky now - they're wonderful and very kind and I'm glad to be here now. I'm getting weaker and feel myself starting to slowly not be able to care about a lot - except all the love and gratitude I feel for my friends and life - as well as what this next part of the journey will be like, you know?"*

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a sister, Lynn (Phil) Gray, Lexington; a brother, Todd Jarvis, Highland Park, IL; and several nieces and nephews: Tracy (Moh'd) Al Kamda, Clayton Gray, Katie (Corey) Frances, Landry Gray, Jack Jarvis, Matthew Jarvis and Will Jarvis.

Visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, followed by a memorial service, at Central Christian Church, officiated by Dr. Michael Mooty and Rev. Elizabeth King. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Central Christian Church (Adult Faith Formation) or Hospice of the Bluegrass. www.milwardfuneral.com

Adapted from the an obituary in SurfKY News Group, Inc. (August 22, 2013)



Staff Update - Margaret Kasprzyk

During my thirty-two years at U.B. and after assisting thousands of MA and PhD students get their degree, both in Political Science and Anthropology, I'm enjoying retirement.

Shortly after retiring, I joined the Clarence Senior Center where I attend lectures, play: cards, dominos, scrabble, pool, take exercise and dance classes go on trips, etc., etc. I feel like I'm in my second childhood and I'm loving it! This is exactly what I want to do in my retirement. I've met lots of new and interesting people and have made some very good friends.

I got my first passport two years ago and have been traveling; something I did not do while I was working.

I don't miss working but I do miss the people.

Faculty Updates

Phil Arena has two forthcoming articles – “Diversions Incentives, Rally Effects, and Crisis Bargaining,” (with Daehee Bak) in *Foreign Policy Analysis* and “Incentives to Rebel, Bargaining, and Civil War,” (with Brian Hardt) in *International Interactions*. The Graduate Political Science Club selected him as the 2012 recipient of their “Outstanding Dedication to Graduate Student Education Award.” Professor Arena is also directing three PhD dissertations and served as the primary advisor for an MA student who was conferred during the 2012-13 academic year.

James Battista published two articles – “Common-Space Ideal Points, Committee Assignments, and Financial Interests in State Legislatures,” (with Michael Peress and Jesse Richman) in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, and “Financial Interests and Economic Diversity in State Legislatures,” *Social Science Quarterly*. He also served as Director of Undergraduate Studies and was the primary advisor for an MA student who conferred during the 2012-2013 academic year.

He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure.

Michelle Benson-Saxton is chair of the Professional Development Committee of the International Studies Association. She also served as an alternate on the CAS Policy Committee, as a member of the CAS Curriculum Committee, and as a member of the CAS Creative Activities and Research Strategic Planning Sub-Committee. Professor Benson is currently directing a PhD dissertation and served as the primary advisor for an MA student who conferred during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Jim Campbell published four articles, a symposium introduction, and a note in scholarly journals this past year as well as serving as a guest editor for two symposia on election forecasting in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. His articles were: "The Miserable Presidential Election of 2012: A First Party-Term Incumbent Survives," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics Research in Contemporary Politics*, v.10, n.4, (February 2013) pp.20-8; "A First Party-Term Incumbent Survives: The Fundamentals of 2012," *In Barack Obama and the New America: The 2012 Election and the Changing Face of Politics*, edited by Larry J. Sabato (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2013) chapter 3, pp. 59-73; *Assessment Note: "Closeness Counts in Horse Shoes, Dancing, and Forecasting," PS: Political Science & Politics*, v.46, n.1 (January 2013), pp. 40-1; "Has Growing Income Inequality Polarized the American Electorate? Class, Party, and Ideological Polarization," (With Bryan J. Dettrey), in *Social Science Quarterly*. In addition, Professor Campbell gave invited presentations at Bowdoin College, Iowa State University, the University of Oklahoma, University of Toronto, University of Georgia, University of Leicester, and the National Press Club in Washington, DC. He also served as a member of the CAS Policy Committee, as the chair of the Nominating Committee of Pi Sigma Alpha, as the chair of the APSA's Political Forecasting Group, and as a member of the Dissertation Award committee of the APSA's Presidential Research Group. Professor Campbell is also directing a PhD dissertation and served as the primary advisor for an MA student who was conferred during the 2012-13 academic year.

Vesna Danilovic continued to serve on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Politics* and *International Interactions*. She was also appointed to serve on the selection committee for the International Studies Association Annual Book Award. Her review of Branislav Slatchev's book *Military Threats* was published in *Perspectives in Politics*.

Dinissa Duvanova published her book *Building Business in Post-Communist Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia: Collective Goods, Selective Incentives, and Predatory States* with Cambridge University Press. In collaboration with Yun Raymond Fu, a computer scientist from Northeastern University, she submitted an NSF proposal to support a new quantitative study of political protest behavior.

Munroe Eagles continues to direct the Canadian Studies Academic Program (CSAP) in the Department of Transnational Studies. He was elected to a two-year term as President of the "Canadian Politics" section of the APSA, and to a two-year term as Vice-President (to be followed by two years as President) of the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS). He has also been organizing the transition of ACSUS to UB for a three-year period. He enjoyed a sabbatical leave in the Spring of 2013 during which he prepared an expert witness brief for a Canadian "Charter of Rights and Freedoms" challenge to the limitation of voting rights of expatriate Canadians. He also worked on a manuscript tentatively entitled "The Constituency Foundations of Canadian Politics." An article with one of his PhD students, Dylan McLean, was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Canadian Studies* in 2014. In January, 2014, he co-taught a course on – and in – Istanbul, Turkey with Prof. Don McGuire, Classics and the Honors College. He gave a talk comparing Canadian and US campaign financing at Loyola University Chicago in April, and presented a paper on lobbying activity in the Canadian House of Commons at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings.

Steve Halpern organized two visits by Judge Ricardo Li Rosi, a distinguished judge of the Argentine National Court of Appeals, which led him to host two educational seminars for Latin American judges (see

story above). He also served as the primary advisor for a PhD student who conferred during the 2012-13 academic year.

Jake Kathman published “Armed Intervention and Civilian Victimization in Intrastate Conflicts,” with Reed Wood and Stephen Gent), in the *Journal of Peace Research*. He has also three forthcoming articles – “United Nations Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection in Civil War,” (with Linda Hultman and Megan Shannon) in the *American Journal of Political Science*, “Too Much of a Bad Thing? The Strategic Consequences of Civilian Victimization in Civil Wars,” (with Reed Wood), in the *British Journal of Political Science*, and “United Nations Peacekeeping Personnel Commitments, 1990-2011,” in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Chuck Lamb published two pieces this past year. “School and Housing Segregation,” in David L. Leal, Taeku Lee, and Mark Sawyer, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) (Oxford Handbooks Online) (with Charles S. Bullock III).

“Administrative Law Judges in Fair Housing Enforcement: Attitudes, Case Facts, and Political Control,” *Social Science Quarterly* 94: 362-378 (2013) (with Nicholas R. Seabrook and Eric M. Wilk).

Harvey Palmer continued his excellent service for his sixth consecutive year as the Director of Graduate Studies and since the summer of 2012 as Chair of the Department. He published two articles in *Electoral Studies* - “Reconsidering Individual-Level Heterogeneity in Economic Voting,” (with Bryan Dettrey) and “Who Should Be Chef? The Dynamics of Valence Evaluations across Income Groups during Economic Crises,” (with Guy Whitten and Laron Williams). He also served as the chair of the CAS Divisional Executive Committee and as a member of the University Faculty Senate and the CAS Strategic Planning Sub-Committee on Academic Support and Resource Management. He was appointed chair of the Midwest Political Science Association selection committee for the 2013 best article in the *AJPS*. Professor Palmer also directed three PhD dissertations and served as the primary advisor for an

MA student who was conferred during the 2012-13 academic year.

Claude Welch received the 2013 Volunteer Recognition Award awarded by the UB Alumni Association for his dedication and commitment to UB. He continues his involvement with the Global Perspectives Academy, the Baldy Center, and the Faculty Internationalization Fund Committee. He also served as a member of SUNY’s “Distinguished Service Professor Advisory Committee” and serves as an advisor to the Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund. He continues working on a book manuscript for *Protecting Human Rights Globally*, and on the UB Political Science Department History. Professor Welch is directing a PhD dissertation and served as primary advisor for three MA students who conferred during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Frank Zagare published “Deterrence Theory” in David Armstrong’s edited volume *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, (Oxford University Press), and “Deterrence Theory: Then and Now: There is No Going Back,” in *St. Anthony’s International Review*. He published a book review and revised and updated two book chapters – “Game Theory and Other Modeling Approaches,” (with Branislav Slantchev) in Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Paul Diehl, and James Morrow, eds., *Guide to the Scientific Study of International Processes* (Wiley-Blackwell) and “Game Theory and Security Studies,” in Paul Williams, ed., *Security Studies: An Introduction* (2nd ed.).



Dr. Megan Gall (middle), with committee chair, Harvey Palmer (L) and committee member Jason Sorens (R), after she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, July 2013. Committee member Munroe Eagles is behind the camera.

Updates from our Alums

Please send your updates for the next edition of “The Pulse” to Munroe Eagles at eagles@buffalo.edu.

Please be sure to include your degree information and graduation year information in your message.

Sheri Roman (BA, 1969) is Justice on the Appellate Division, Second Department having served as a judge in New York since 1985.

Dr. Harvey Starr (BA, 1967) has recently served a year as the President of the International Studies Association. See the story earlier in this newsletter.

Rev. Barry Abraham Zavah (BA, 1969). I graduated from SUNYAB with a B.A. in Political Science (6/69) and thereafter a Juris Doctor (1972) from the I.I.T-Chicago-Kent College of Law. I took a semester of Canadian History while attending UB. In the early or mid-1980's; while I was an Erie County Assistant District Attorney, I received an award from the SUNY College at Buffalo's Criminal Justice Alumni Association and attended several of their award banquets. I've been retired since 9/2002, completing my career as an ADA while assigned to the City of Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court at the Buffalo City Court for 5.5 years (1997-2002). Other than that ... I'm an Ordained Minister through the Order of Melchizedek and a Reiki Teacher-Master who enjoys RVing and seeing the continent.

Mark Weiner (BA, 1972). Mark will be celebrating his 10th anniversary as President and CEO of CJE SeniorLife, a diversified and nationally recognized elder care provider and service organization www.cje.net serving 19,00 individuals per year through 40 defined product areas. He is Vice Chair of the Dean's Advisory Committee for UB's College of Arts & Sciences.

Edward (“Ted”) Carmines (PhD, 1975). Named President of the Midwest Political Science Association. See article earlier in this newsletter.

Michele Smith (BA, 1976). I graduated in 1976. While at Buffalo I was Student Association President, among other student activities. I went to the University of

Chicago Law School, clerked in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, worked as an Assistant United States Attorney and a corporate attorney, and then – ran for office! I am now the Alderman for the 43rd Ward in Chicago, representing the Lincoln Park neighborhood. My website is www.ward43.org. I am in touch with a few of my UB alums.

Jordan Levy (BA, 1977). Jordan Levy has been named steering committee chair of 43North, the world's largest business idea competition. With \$5 million in cash prizes, including a top award of \$1 million, six \$500,000 awards and four \$250,000 awards, 43North is helping entrepreneurs, startups and teams from across the globe turn their business ideas into reality in Buffalo, NY. Winners also receive free incubator space for a year, guidance from mentors related to their field and access to other exciting incentive programs, like Start-Up NY, a program that enables companies to operate tax-free in New York State for 10 years. 43North is open to applicants ages 18 and older in any industry, with the exception of retail and hospitality. Enter the competition by [May 31, 2014](http://www.43north.org) at www.43north.org. www.rebelmouse.com/jordalev

Ronald Balter (BA, 1980). I am the co-author of the annual New York Workers' Compensation Handbook (Lexis/Nexis). I also serve on the Board of Directors of the University at Buffalo Alumni Association and was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008. The equipment room in UB Stadium has been named the Ronald Balter and Family Equipment Room.

David P. Miranda (BA, 1985). I was recently elected to be President-elect of the New York State Bar Association, see link below and attached release. <http://www.bizjournals.com/albany/blog/2014/01/albany-lawyer-elected-to-lead-ny-state.html?ana=e du pub&s=article du&ed=2014-01-31>

Dr. Michael J. Berson (BA, 1987), is a Professor of Social Science Education at the University of South Florida and a Senior Fellow in The Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, and Dr. Ilene R. Berson (UB Anthropology- B.A. 1987), a Professor of Early Childhood in the Department of Childhood Education and Literacy Studies at the University of South Florida,

are collaborating on a recently funded Spencer Foundation New Civics Grant titled *Young Children as Apprentice Citizens: A Comparative Case Study Analysis of the Role of Literacy in Empowering Civic Engagement in Ghana and the United States*. Ilene is serving as Principal Investigator and Michael and colleagues from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana are serving as Co-Principal Investigators. The research team have been conducting a comparative multi-case study of civic education in kindergarten classrooms serving low income students in the United States and Ghana. The study focuses on how early childhood curriculum and pedagogy reflect conceptions of the dispositions and behaviors expected of citizens within different national contexts. The central research questions being explored are: 1) How does the United States and Ghanaian early childhood curriculum and pedagogy prepare children to become participatory citizens in a democracy? 2) What are parental and teacher expectations for kindergarteners' civic engagement and behavior in Ghana and the United States? 3) How do Ghanaian and United States kindergartners conceive of themselves and others as citizens? This project includes various data collection procedures, such as document analysis of children's literature and classroom materials, observation of kindergarten classrooms, and interviews of school stakeholders (faculty, caregivers, and children). In order to reflect culturally relevant understanding of the phenomenon and promote active engagement of young children in the research, video-cued and multi-vocal methodology will give voice to participants in each community and engage them in analyzing the institutions of which they are a part. Both Michael and Ilene were active members in the UB Undergraduate Political Science Club. Michael served as President during the 1986-1987 academic year.

Roy Fitzgerald (BA, MA, JD, PhD, 1988). Roy is a partner in the firm of Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald, Rose, Konopka & Dow, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida, and has been practicing in this city for 23 years. Roy is also a graduate of State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. In 2013 he was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2013, he was reappointed by the Florida Supreme Court as a member of the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions--contract and business

cases. He has been a member of the committee since 2008. He will have served three full terms with the completion of the most recent appointment in 2015. Finally, Roy published or had accepted for publication the following updated chapters which I originally wrote and now update. 1) *Evidentiary Trial Issues, Florida Evidence Manual* (9th edition, 2012; 10th edition 2014 (forthcoming) Lexis Publishing. 2) *Select Problems in Evidence. Litigation in Business Florida* (3rd edition, 1998; 4th edition 2001; 5th edition 2007; 6th edition 2010; 7th edition 2012; 8th edition 2014) Lexis Publishing. 3) *Proposals for Settlement. Business Litigation in Florida* (3rd edition, 1998; 4th edition 2001; 5th edition 2007; 6th edition 2010; 7th edition 2012; 8th edition 2014) Lexis Publishing.

John Dedie (MA 1990), is Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Political Science at the Community College of Baltimore County, School of Wellness, Education, Business and Social Sciences. At the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago I presented a paper titled, "Using Blogging to Engage Students in Political Science". I am the coordinator of Constitution Day activities at CCBC Essex. Serve as a Political Analyst for WBFF-TV and Maryland Public Television in Baltimore.

Chuck Eaton (BA, 1991) Following graduation, while working as a political operative on several local campaigns, I became a staff member at the Erie County Legislature, eventually rising within the ranks to serve as Chief of Staff for the Legislature's Democratic Caucus. After a brief stint working in the state assembly, I managed Brian Higgins' successful campaign for Congress in 2004. I have served as Rep. Higgins' Congressional Chief of Staff since January 2005, based primarily out of his Buffalo office. I also serve as Secretary of the town of Clarence Democratic Committee, and am presently serving my third term as a member of the New York State Democratic Committee from the 144th Assembly District. I am married to a fellow UB alum, the former Kim Zelazny. We live in the town of Clarence and are parents of three exceptional children: a daughter (age 15) and two sons (ages 13 and 9). In my spare time, I enjoy endurance sports, having completed six full marathon road races and several triathlons of varying lengths, including a half-iron distance.

Michele Babcock-Nice (BA, 1993, Political Science and BA, 1993, Psychology) is currently an honors graduate student, pursuing a master's degree in counseling, at Argosy University, Atlanta; this is her second graduate level degree. Babcock-Nice maintains two blogs on WordPress; and is the founder and manager of two LinkedIn groups, "People Against Retaliation and Bullying," and "Lepidoptera Lovers." She also writes, pseudonymously, for a nationally-based non-profit and an international non-profit. She and her 10-year-old son live in Snellville, Georgia.

Amilcar Barreto (MA, 1991; PhD, 1995). is an Associate Professor of Political Science and teaches at the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. He recently published (with Richard O'Bryant), eds. 2014. *American Identity in the Age of Obama*. Routledge Series on Identity Politics. New York: Routledge; and with Mariam Raqib, (2014). "The Taliban, Religious Revival and Innovation in Afghan Nationalism." *National Identities* 16(1): 15-30.

Paul Cornish (MA, 1991; PhD, 1995). Paul received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of Political Science at Grand Valley State University in 2009. Since 2009 he has published peer-reviewed articles in the *European Journal of Political Theory* (2010), *Vera Lex* (2008/9), *The Michigan Academician* (2012), and the inaugural edition of *Rocznik Tomistyczny (Thomistic Yearbook)* (2013) which is published at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (Warsaw, Poland) under the editorship of Professor Arthur Andrzejuk. I have also contributed brief articles for *The Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*, *The Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment*, and the *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, from Sage. For the past three years I have been the political science section leader for the annual conference of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, & Letters. I also serve as member of the University Academic Senate, and as the faculty advisor for the Kappa Phi chapter of The Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society. This summer I am completing a book manuscript on John Adams's republicanism. Grand Valley State prides itself on teaching excellence, and I am very happy to be a member of an excellent department faculty within the College of Liberal Arts

and Sciences. I teach Classical Political Thought, Citizenship, and Comparative Political Systems/Canada for the department and a course on American Constitutional Foundations that is directed toward education majors who plan to teach social studies in primary or secondary education. I still converse periodically with Richard Friedman, and less frequently with Richard Cox, who have been extremely supportive during the personal and professional trials and tribulations of my life. As I write all of this I realize how little any of it matters compared to my wife Mary, and our daughters Emma Grace (8) and Elizabeth Rhea (5). We just celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary and are happily settled in the Richmond Park neighborhood of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ken (Qingxin) Wang (PhD, 1993) Ken is still teaching international politics and comparative politics at Tsinghua University in Beijing. There have been a lot of political and economic changes in China in the past year, which makes my stay in China more exciting and challenging. His son Alex is graduating from high school this year. They flew to Potsdam New York to spend one week preparing college applications during the past Christmas Holidays. Alex is hoping to get into colleges in Boston and New York City areas.



Ken (Qingxin)

Wang (right) and his son Alex in Beijing.

Carmen (Mosier) McCormick ('94) has joined MicroVention, Inc., A Terumo Corporation, as their Corporate and Compliance Counsel. Carmen is looking forward to getting back into international law after being only one of a handful of attorneys in the country who has, as in house counsel, defended five separate companies against Department of Justice healthcare fraud Investigations.

Mark Chadsey (BA, 1983, PhD, 1996). Mark served as Chair of the Political Science and International Studies

department at SUNY Brockport from 2010-11 to 2012-13 and as president of the Faculty/Staff Senate in 2012-13.

Julian Willock (BA, 1993; MA 1996) holds Bachelor and Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Buffalo is a businessman and consultant in the British Virgin Islands. Before going into private business he worked for the Government of the BVI where he served as the Director of the Water and Sewerage Department and then was promoted to Permanent Secretary within the Ministry of Communications and Works. As a consultant through his company Advance Marketing and Professional Services he assists candidates for elective office [both in office and those seeking office] with speech writing, image development and public relations. His clients include companies and candidates in Trinidad and Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, United States Virgin Islands and the BVI. Mr. Willock also owns a popular online news site, www.virginislandsnews.com.



Julian Willock

Rob Dickar (BA, 1998) has accepted a new position with Safe Horizon, which is a large non-profit agency in New York City providing shelter service for victims of domestic violence and for abused children. Starting April 7th he will be the Director Development Systems & Strategy at the New York City headquarters.

Kim Conidi (BA, 1999; J.D. UB Law, 2005). Ms. Conidi works as an attorney in the Erie County Department of Social Services' child welfare division. She received her B.A. in Political Science (1999) and her J.D. (2005) from the University at Buffalo. Prior to earning her J.D., Ms. Conidi worked as a legislative assistant in the New York State Assembly and the Erie County Legislature. She has worked as a law clerk to Federal Magistrate Judge Leslie G. Foschio, and has experience in several areas of law, including family, municipal, not-for-profit and personal injury. She is a member of the University at

Buffalo Alumni Association's Board of Directors, the YMCA's Board of Managers and the Advisory Board to Camp Good Days and Special Times.

David Palame (1999). Mr. Palamé is Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Colony Capital, LLC, is based in Colony's New York office and is responsible for various legal affairs and investor relations activities for Colony Capital. Mr. Palamé currently serves as Chief Compliance Officer of Colony Financial, Inc. (NYSE:CLNY). Prior to joining Colony Capital in 2007, Mr. Palamé was an associate with the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP from September 2003, where he specialized in the formation of private equity funds, commercial real estate transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Beginning in August 2002, Mr. Palamé served as a law clerk to the Honorable William J. Rea, United States District Court for the Central District of California at Los Angeles. Mr. Palamé received a B.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1999 and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2002, where he served on the board of officers of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review as a comments editor.

Denise DeGarmo (BA, 1992, PhD Michigan, 2001) is currently an Associate Professor and Political Science Department Chair at the University of Southern Illinois, Edwardsville. Dr. DeGarmo was recently selected to co-lead an American Political Science Association "Political Science in the Arab Middle East and North Africa" workshop in the summer of 2014. Funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the workshop will meet first in May at Bizeit University and the Palestinian American Research Center in Amman, Jordan. A follow-up workshop will be held in September 2014 at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, Lebanon.

Margaret Okada (2003) is currently an Assistant Director of Admission and Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives at Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to this, she was working in the Office of Admissions at Harvard Divinity School and in May 2013, she received her Master of Education degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Jo Louise Baxter (BA, 2004) I currently work for Cubic Applications, a Department of Defense contractor, as the Pacific Command Region Specialist and Instructor at the USAF Air Advisor Academy on McGuire Air Force Base. In 2011, I received my MA in International Studies from Concordia University in Irvine, CA, focusing on Chinese Studies.

Bernard (Chih-Chieh) Chou (PhD, 2004). Is a Professor in the Dept. of Political Science & Grad. Institute of Political Economy, National Cheng Kung University. He is also an Arbitrator, Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei, and Chair of the Committee on Taiwan-China Dialogue, Chinese Asso. for Human Rights.

Jim Youngs (BA, 2004). After I graduated from UB in 2004, Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key and Pi Sigma Alpha, I attended George Washington University Law School, graduating in 2007. While at GW, I interned at the Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy where, among other things, I assisted in federal judicial nominations and confirmations. In that capacity, I was involved in the confirmation hearings of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito. I am currently a member of the litigation and intellectual property practices at the Syracuse, New York firm of Hancock Estabrook, LLP. I've also been an adjunct professor at Le Moyne College here in Syracuse.

Nil Satana (MA, 2003, PhD, 2006) Since graduating with her doctorate in 2006, Nil has worked as an assistant professor at the Department of International Relations, Bilkent University since 2006. Nil pursued the state tenure awarded by the Higher Education Board in 2011 and was awarded the YOK associate professorship. She has served as the department vice-chairperson in 2009-2012. In 2013 Nil Satana was a visiting research associate at The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) Center, University of Maryland. Nil Satana enjoys studying a wide array of issues in political science and international relations including democratization, ethnic politics and international/civil conflicts, third party interventions, religious extremism and terrorism, civil-military relations. She has carried out field research on the Kurdish minority in Iraq and Southeastern Turkey and focuses mainly on conflict in the Middle East in her research and teaching. Nil

Satana has published several book chapters as well as articles in peer-reviewed journals such as the *Comparative Political Studies*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Armed Forces and Society* and *Turkish Studies*. She is currently working on a book manuscript on civil-military relations in Turkey and its implications on democratization in the Middle East. Nil Satana's personal webpage is <http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~nsatana> and her most recent academic work can be followed at <http://bilkent.academia.edu/NilSatana>.

Dinish Lal (BA, Political Science & History, 2007) I am currently the Deputy Program Director of the Navigator Program with Public Policy Education Fund of New York. We assist individuals and small businesses attain healthcare insurance from the NYS Marketplace a part of the Affordable Care Act 2010. Perhaps I can assist local alumni and current students who may need assistance. The service is free and unbiased. (716) 316-3106.

David (Zihua) Liu (PhD, 2007). David is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Confucius Institute at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. He was recently married to Lulu, who is also from China. He took his first sabbatical in China and reports that it was a wonderful academic journey and an enjoyable time close to family.

Michael Tobin (BA, 2007). Mike was recently promoted to Marketing Director for Innovative Concepts in Entertainment, a leading amusement and arcade game manufacturer in Clarence, NY.

Amanda Herrmann (BA, 2008) moved to Washington, DC in 2009, after working as a field organizer on the Obama campaign in Ohio. She received her Masters of public policy degree from George Mason University. She is currently working at the U.S. Department of Labor working on prevailing wage law. She also does advocacy work on democratic and women's issue campaigns in the DC/VA area

Choong-Nam Kang (PhD, 2008). After graduation, I have been at Murray State University in KY as an assistant professor since 2010. I published three co-authored articles last year and they are: Kang, Choong-Nam and Doug Gibler. 2013. "An Assessment

of the Validity of Empirical Measures of State Satisfaction with the Systemic Status Quo." *European Journal of International Relations* 19(4): 695-719; Vasquez, John A. and Choong-Nam Kang. 2013. "How and Why the Cold War Became a Long Peace." *Cooperation and Conflict* 48(1): 28-50; Sample, Susan, Brandon Valeriano, Choong-Nam Kang. 2013. "The Societal Determinants and Impact of Military Spending Patterns." *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review* 41: 109-135.

Wesley A. Boling (MA, 2009) graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law with a JD, in 2012. While at UVA, I worked for three years on the Innocence Project and assisted in having a wrongful death penalty conviction overturned and having a wrongfully convicted individual removed from the sex offender registry. I passed the California bar in 2012 and worked at the international law firm of DLA Piper, LLP in San Diego, CA from October 2012 until the end of February 2014. I practice general litigation and have represented multinational, Fortune 500, pharmaceutical, and high tech companies, as well as formerly homeless veterans and a large food aid organization. I am now a licensed attorney in California, practicing law in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Kijoo Kim (PhD, 2009) I studied at UB from 2004 to 2009 as a foreign student. It was my great pleasure to study at UB. I completed the Ph.D. program in Political Science in 2009. My dissertation advisor was Prof. Claude Welch. From 2010 to 2011, I had been a full-time lecturer of the Department of International Relations at the ROK Naval Academy. Since 2011, I have been a faculty member of the Department of Military Strategy at the Korea National Defense University(KNDU). I am currently an associate professor at the KNDU and I am serving as Director of the Center for Military Strategy Studies in the Research Institute for National Security Affairs(RINSA) at the KNDU. My teaching and research areas are national security affairs, maritime security and strategy, civil-military relations, and territorial disputes. My recent publications include "On Military Thoughts"(co-authored, 2014), "2013-2014 Assessment and Prospect for Maritime Security in East Asia"(co-authored, 2014), and "A Prospect for the Outbreak of War Between Japan and China on the Territorial Dispute over

Senkaku(Diaoyu) Islands"(2013). As an active duty naval officer, I was promoted to commander in 2013.

Ashley Welsch (B.A. 2012) is a second-year JD and Master of Environmental Law and Policy student at Vermont Law School. She is a staff editor on the *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*, Chair of the Campus Greening Committee, and the environmental legal research assistant to the environmental law librarian. Ashley is excited to be back in Buffalo this summer as an intern with the NY Office of the Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau.

Bobbie Thoman (BA, 2013). After completing her undergraduate degree at UB, Bobbie is currently completing a Joint international MA degree in "Canadian-American Studies" that is being offered by Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, and UB. She will be a part of the first class in what is the first international joint graduate program offered by any SUNY campus.



Bobbie Thoman presenting a paper at the 18th annual "Crossing Borders Student Conference" on Canada-US topics that was hosted at UB on Friday, March 13th, 2014.

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