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38th Annual Conference a Success

On Friday 27 February 2009 the 38th Annual Conference and Awards Banquet of NCPA was held at UNC Greensboro. Approximately 100 faculty and students from 24 institutions participated in the one-day meeting, the largest attendance at an annual Conference in many years.

The conference agenda included ten regular panels, including two undergraduate student panels and one roundtable on teaching. A total of 25 papers were delivered by faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students; nine undergraduate papers were presented. All but three of these panel papers were placed on the NCPA web site and will remain there permanently.

The luncheon speaker was Pat McCrory, Mayor of Charlotte and Republican nominee for Governor in 2009. McCrory spoke of his concerns about President Obama's stimulus proposals and the things he had learned as a candidate for Governor.

A plenary session on North Carolina politics was moderated by NCPA President Jim Corey and included Phillip Berger, N.C. Senator; Robert Christensen, reporter for the *Raleigh News and Observer*; Douglas Clark, reporter for the *Greensboro News and Record*; and John Hood of the John Locke Foundation. While the panel covered a wide range of state issues, the emphasis was on the budget deficit caused by the current economic recession.

Individuals interested in viewing any of the research papers presented at the conference are encouraged to visit the NCPA.net website which has an archive of the conference papers and the program.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Phillip Ardoin, Appalachian State University

It has been another great year for the NCPA. Thanks to the leadership of Jim Corey, the NCPA Executive board, and the faculty of UNC-Greensboro, our 2009 annual conference was a tremendous success, with participation from colleges and universities across the state and beyond.

As President of the NCPA one of my top priorities is to continue expanding the level of participation by political scientists throughout the state in our association. While our membership continues to grow, several of the largest political science departments throughout the state have limited representation and have not been very active in the activities of the association. *(continued next page)*

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I hope the tremendous success of this year's conference in Greensboro can provide a foundation for next year's conference in Durham and a continuation in the growth and level of participation in the membership of the NCPA. Our annual conference provides an opportunity for faculty and students to network and present their research. I encourage all faculty to start considering proposals for next year's conference. North Carolina Central in Durham provides a central location in our state and should be convenient for most members to attend.

Dr. Ardoin is a professor of American Politics at Appalachian State University and currently serves as Director of ASU's Master of Arts Program in Political Science. His research agenda and teaching focuses on legislative politics and he is currently working on a project which examines levels of partisan polarization in the North Carolina General Assembly.

UNC-Wilmington's Hatem wins student paper award

Congratulations to Robert Hatem, whose research paper "Retaliation as a Counter-Terrorist Strategy and Its Impact on Semi-State Groups" received the NCPA's 2009 Troutman-Raney undergraduate paper award. Hatem is a student in the Department of Public and International Affairs at UNC-Wilmington.

2009 NCPA Annual Conference Minutes

UNC Greensboro, February 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by President Jim Corey, with approximately 15 members in attendance. A motion passed to suspend the reading of the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes. Corey thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as president for the 2008-2009 year; he also thanked conference program chair Ted Arrington and on-site coordinators Chuck Prysby and Rebecca Klase for an excellent conference.

The nomination of new officers was presented to the membership and passed as follows: President Phillip Ardoin, Appalachian State; President-elect Theodore Arrington, UNC-Charlotte; Vice President Adam Newmark, Appalachian State; Treasurer Rebecca Klase, Greensboro College; Secretary Jennifer Purvis, Central Carolina CC; At-large member Gibbs Knotts, Western Carolina University; At-large member Dan Masters, UNC-Wilmington; At-Large member Han Lheem, Fayetteville State University; Historian Michael Bitzer, Catawba College; Web Master Jody Baumgartner; Immediate Past President James Corey, High Point University; Politics and Policy Editorial Board Claudia Bryant, Western Carolina University.

Amendments to the NCPA by-laws were passed as proposed:

a. Article III—Add new Section 2: "Any political scientist-faculty, graduate student or undergraduate student participating in a round table or panel must be a member of NCPA." [Remaining sections will be renumbered]

b. Article IV—Modify Section 1 as follows: and "three at-large members and the host site meeting host site meeting coordinator." Modify Section 3 as follows: and "Historian and Host site meeting coordinator."

c. Article V—Add Section 3 as follows: In lieu of two separate registration and membership fees, one single conference fee will be assessed. This fee will cover member participation in the conference, attendance at the awards banquet and an annual subscription to Politics and Policy. The single conference fee will be set by

2009 NCPA Annual Conference Participants

Appalachian State University
Bennett College
Brown University
Campbell University
Case Western Reserve
Catawba College
Central Carolina Community College
East Carolina University
George Mason University
Highpoint University
Johnson C. Smith University
Mars Hill College
Mount Olive College
NC A&T University
NC Central University
NC State University
UNC-Chapel Hill
UNC-Charlotte
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Pembroke
UNC-Wilmington
University of Maryland
Wake Forest University
Western Carolina University

Many thanks to all who participated!

the Executive Committee well before the conference and will be communicated to the NCPSA membership by e-mail. The conference fee for student participants may be set lower at the discretion of the Executive Committee. For those not attending the conference but wishing to join or maintain their membership in NCPSA, a separate fee only will be established by the Executive Committee and communicated to members and political scientists in North Carolina.

A fourth amendment proposed regarding the procedure for soliciting and judging Best Faculty/Graduate and Undergraduate paper awards was removed from consideration as the proposed procedures assumed that the student papers to be considered for the award were those submitted/presented at the NCPSA annual conference. It was noted, however, that the student award (i.e. Troutman-Raney Award) is granted annually to a student paper nominated by an NCPSA faculty member. There is no requirement that the paper be presented at the annual conference.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Troutman-Raney student paper award was set tentatively

for April 1, 2009. Charles Prysby volunteered to arrange for notifications to be sent to faculty members statewide.

President Corey passed the gavel to incoming President Phillip Ardoin.

Treasurer Rebecca Klase gave the treasurer's report as follows: Pre-conference balance as of January 31, 2009, was \$3,727.16. After deposit of conference fees, journal subscriptions and generous donations by UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Charlotte (approximately \$500) for conference incidentals, the balance is expected to break even.

David Thornton (Campbell Univ.) will contact Claudia Bryant to verify that she is planning to serve on the Politics and Policy editorial board as the NCPSA liaison.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jennifer A. Purvis
Secretary

Recent Department News

The following material, which varies in length and content, was submitted by representatives of the various political science programs affiliated with NCPSA. Thank you to all participating departments. Submissions for the Fall Newsletter should be submitted to the Secretary by mid-September.

Appalachian State University

The Political Science Program at Appalachian State University has enjoyed a busy and productive year. First, the year started with a change in our name from the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to the Department of Government and Justice Studies. We believe this new label provides a more accurate description of our multi-disciplinary department and our mission. We also welcomed into our department three new faculty members, **Jeff Holcomb**, **Marion Williams**, and **Todd Hartman**. Jeff and Marion earned their Ph.D.s at Florida State University and Todd Hartman is a recent graduate of SUNY Stony Brook. Our M.A. Program in Political Science is continuing to grow and establish itself as one of the premier M.A. programs in the region. Three of our M.A. Students presented their thesis research at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL. We are also excited about a new concentration in Environmental Politics and Policy Analysis which the department has approved and is now waiting for approval by the graduate school. We hope to accept the first class of students in this program in the Spring of 2011. Finally, two of our faculty members, **Adam Newmark** and **Phillip Ardoin**, were elected to serve on the Executive Board of the NCPSA.

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Johnson C. Smith University

Professor **Joseph Jones** has received a United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Mellon Faculty Residency Fellowship at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University. He will be conducting research on W.E.B. Du Bois' political philosophy of education for black institutions of higher education.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Faculty news and publications from UNC-Charlotte included the following:

December 2008:

Robert Kravchuk has a chapter accepted, "The General Fund," to be published in Frederic Bogui, ed., Handbook of Governmental Accounting, Marcel Dekker, forthcoming 2009. Robert Kravchuk also has a chapter, "Budgetary Balance and the Inflationary Impulse in Ukraine, Two Epochs: 1991-96 & 1996-2006", in preparation for inclusion in Charles Menifield, ed., Comparative Budgeting: An Examination of Public Budgeting Across U.S. Borders, Jones and Bartlett, forthcoming 2009. **Stephen Billings** has received recognition and an award from the North American Regional Science Council for his dissertation paper: "A Spatial Model of Business Improvement Districts". **Greg Weeks** has been selected for the 2009 class of GSK Faculty Fellows. The committee was very impressed with his credentials and feel that he can add significant value to IEI's work while also giving him important exposure and experience in state public policy circles.

January 2009:

A book chapter authored by **William Brandon**, Ashley A. Dunham, Teresa L. Scheid, "Physicians as Advocates for their patients: Depression Treatment in Primary Care," in Jennie J. Kronenfeld, ed., Care for Major Health Problems and Population Health Concerns: Impacts on Patients, Providers and Policy (Bingley, United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing, Ltd., 2008), pp. 141-165. **Joanne Carman** has had a manuscript accepted in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. Joanne Carman's "The accountability movement: What is wrong with this theory of change?" has been accepted by *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS) has presented Kimberly Fredericks and Joanne Carman with the "Invited Authors Award". They have been invited to present their article and book, *Nonprofits and Evaluation*, at their annual conference in Atlantic City, NJ on April 21, 2009. **James Walsh** has a new book under contract with Columbia University Press that should appear in print late 2009 or early 2010. The title is "Structuring Secrets" The International Politics of Intelligence Sharing". **Claudia Avellaneda** and Maria Escobar-Lemmon presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 8-10, 2009, titled "All by Myself? The Role of Parties in Securing Mayoral Election in Latin America". Claudia Avellaneda also participated at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 8-10, 2009 as Chair and Discussant on the panel titled: Parties and Representation in Latin America.

February 2009:

Greg Weeks has published a book review essay: "Recent Works on U.S.-Latin American Relations." Latin American Research Review 44, 1 (2009): 247-256. **William Brandon** has just received word that a presentation "The Role of Planning in the Development of Oman's Health Care System" has been accepted for delivery at the 12th World Congress on Public Health, the periodic meeting of the World Federation of Public Health Associations, in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2009. William Brandon, who is a Faculty Associate of UNC Charlotte's Center for Professional and Applied Ethics, also recently gave a guest lecture at Oman Medical College entitled "Bioethics: The Birth of a Field of Applied Ethics and the Overthrow of Medical Paternalism by Patient Autonomy".

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March 2009:

Nancy B. Schoeps, **William P. Brandon** and Rosemary V. Chaudry, "Medicaid Expenditures under Risk Contracting HMOs and Traditional Fee for Service: A Comparison of Two North Carolina Counties", in Momoka Ito and Yui Nakajima, eds., *Managed Care Programs* (Hauppauge NY: Nova Science Publishers, 2008), pp. 1-21. William Brandon recently gave a guest lecture at the Modern College of Business and Science in Muscat, Oman entitled: "Iran and Nuclear Weapons: Understanding Your Neighbor". Brandon also had a presentation accepted for delivery at the 12th World Congress on Public Health, the periodic meeting of the World Federation of Public Health Associations, which will meet at the end of April in Istanbul, Turkey. He will present his research on "The Role of Planning in the Development of Oman's Health Care System. In January, **Beth Elise Whitaker** and Jason Giersch: "Voting on a Constitution: Implications for Democracy in Kenya". *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* vol. 27, no. 1 (January 2009): 1-20. On January 29, **Beth Whitaker** gave a presentation on "Cooperation Among Weak States: Africa and the fight against Terrorism" to the Advisory Committee of the Senior Crisis Management Seminar for the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program in Washington, DC. **Robert Kravchuk** published a chapter, "The General Fund", in the Handbook of Governmental Accounting, ed., by Fred Bogui and published by Marcel Dekker, 2008. **Jim Walsh** has a new book that is being published by Columbia University Press in November. The title is "The International Politics of Intelligence Sharing." **Claudia Avellaneda** was awarded by the University College to attend the Communications Across the Curriculum Summer Institute. **Claudia Avellaneda's** panel proposal entitled "Government Performance: An International Perspective on the Role of Public Management and Policy" has been accepted for the 2009 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Claudia Avellaneda's paper proposal entitled "Nature of Municipal Outputs in a Latin American Setting" Does the Public Manager's Previous Sector-based Experience Matter?" has been accepted for the 2009 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. **Greg Weeks** published an Op-Ed about the 287 (g) immigration program: "A Highly Flawed But Fixable Program." Raleigh News and Observer, March 26, 2009.

April 2009:

Conference presentation and panel moderator: **Swindell, David** "Neighborhood Versus Homeowner Associations: Alternative Pathways to Community Governance." Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Chicago, IL., March 5-7, 2009. Swindell, David and Mark Rosentraub. (2009). "Of Devils and Details: Bargaining for Successful Public/Private Partnerships Between Cities and Sports Teams." *Public Administration Quarterly*. 33 (1). **Greg Weeks** presented a paper, "Immigration and Transnationalism: Rethinking the Role of the State in Latin America" at the meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in New Orleans. **Greg Weeks** also was on Wisconsin Public Radio to discuss the Summit of the Americas on April 21. **Claudia Avellaneda** has an article in the latest-May/June 2009-issue of the Public Administration Review (PAR). **Avellaneda, Claudia N.** 2009. "Mayoral Quality and Local Public Finance." *Public Administration Review*, May/June: 469-486. **Avellaneda, Claudia** and Maria Escobar-Lemmon presented a paper, titled "All By Myself: The Role of Personal Qualification versus Party Affiliation in Mayoral Elections" at the Latin American Politics class of the Political Science Department at UNC Chapel Hill. The presentation took place at Duke University.

Western Carolina University

The WCU Public Policy Institute had another successful American Youth Congress. NC Senator John Snow was the keynote speaker. The event was funded in part by a grant from the NC Civic Education Consortium. **Todd Collins'** article "Balancing the Scales or Stacking the Deck? The President's Ability to Appoint Majorities on the Circuit Court of Appeals" was accepted for publication in the journal *White House Studies*. **Chris Cooper** had a publication "Representative Reporters? Journalists and Media Bias in Context" published

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in *Social Science Quarterly*. He also recently published book chapters with the University Press of Kentucky and Brookings Institution Press. **Chris Cooper** and **Gibbs Knotts** had an article entitled “Declining Dixie: Regional Identification in the Modern American South” accepted for publication in *Social Forces*. **Gibbs Knotts** has a book chapter entitled “Don’t Whistle Past Dixie Yet” in *The 2008 Presidential Election in the South* forthcoming with the University of Arkansas Press. The department welcomes **Kristen Flanagan** from the University of Pittsburgh. She will teach classes in comparative politics and international relations.

Thanks to all Contributors
Fall Newsletter Submission Deadline
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