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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

We hope you are all having a productive fall semester. The executive board has been working diligently to assure another successful and productive conference of the NCPSA. As in the past, the 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the NCPSA will provide participants with a wonderful opportunity to share research ideas and network with colleagues around the state. One of the goals of the current board is to reach out to universities, colleges, and community colleges throughout the state which have been underrepresented in our association and recent meetings. In pursuit of this goal, we have developed a database which includes contact information for over 700 political scientists throughout the state and included them in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Announcement and call for papers. We ask all of you to assist us with this process by encouraging your students and fellow colleagues, particularly those who have not participated recently in the NCPSA, to join us at this year's conference in Durham, N.C. at North Carolina Central University.

Please remember the **deadline for paper and panel proposals for the 2010 Annual Conference is December 20, 2009**. Early registration, which includes lunch, is only \$45 for faculty and \$35 for students. When making your plans for the conference, please note we have secured a **special conference rate of \$89 at the Doubletree Guest Suites** which is located only 5.3 miles from

N.C. Central. To attain the conference rate you must call the hotel directly at 919-361-4660 and request the special NCPSA Conference rate.

### ***Many Thanks...***

Dr. Jim Corey will serve as NCPSA Treasurer for the 2009-2010 term. Jim was appointed by the NCPSA board to replace Dr. Rebecca Klase, who was unable to complete the term.

Regards,

Phillip J. Ardoin, NCPSA President

Adam J. Newmark, NCPSA Vice President

**The online submission form for panel and paper proposals for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual NCPSA Meeting on February 26, 2010 can be found at: <http://NCPSA.net>**

## NCPSA Treasurer's Report

On December 1, 2009, the NCPSA checking account balance is \$1,670.38. The most recent major expense was payment of \$1,320 to the Policy Studies Organization for our membership subscription to *Policy Studies*.

/s/ Jim Corey

## 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 Spring Newsletter should be submitted to [jpurvis@cccc.edu](mailto:jpurvis@cccc.edu) by mid-March.

### East Carolina University

The political science faculty at ECU are pleased to note that we were able to make several hires this past year: **Sharon Paynter** (PhD, North Carolina State), **Olga Smirnova** (PhD, University of North Carolina, Charlotte), and **Young Kim** (PhD, Pennsylvania State University). Our faculty have also published in many leading academic journals including *Administration and Society*, *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, *Municipal Finance Journal*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Administration Review*, *Public Performance & Management Review*, and *PS: Political Science and Politics*. In addition, ECU political science faculty have published books with leading publishers including Columbia University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, Continuum Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Rowman and Littlefield, State University of New York Press, and University of Toronto Press. **Jody Baumgartner** (PhD, Miami University) was invited to dine, along with five other political scientists from around the nation, with Vice-President Biden to discuss the operation of the office of the Vice-President.

### Elizabeth City State University

**Margery Coulson-Clark**, Associate Professor of Public Administration, was one of two faculty members who took five ECSU students from the Global Leadership Academy to Berlin, Germany on the Anniversary of the Berlin Conference-April 27-30,2009. They participated in a discussion on "Land Reform on the Continent of Africa". **K.O. Boansi**, Professor of Political Science, made a presentation on Ghana to the Links Elizabeth City Chapter on March 7, 2009.

K. O. Boansi is involved with the applied research project "Development of Performance Measures for the Assessment of Rural Planning Organizations". This project is part of the North Carolina Development of Transportation Research and Development, and is being funded by a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Research and Development. Margery Coulson-Clark, Associate Professor of Public Administration, presented the paper "A Successful Collaboration; ECSU and Senegal" at the Historically Black University Network Conference in Washington, D.C. Along with associates at other universities, she completed the paper "The Leadership Challenges of Land Reform in Africa: A Framework for Dialogue".

Boansi worked with IBM Global Business Services and the United States Postal Service on "The First-Class Mail Measurement Study." Mr. **Matthew Competiello**, a junior in Political Science, has been accepted to participate in 2009 Ronald McNair Baccalaureate Achievement Program. Coulson-Clark also is a representative on the State Employee Credit Union Advisory board, and serves as Associate Pastor at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Boansi also participated in the National Crime Victims' Right Week from April 27 – May 1, 2009, and attended a training session via webcast on Partner Abuse in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Relationships on April 30, 2009.

#### REMEMBER!

*Important Dates for 2010*  
*February 26...39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*  
*March 15...Newsletter Submissions*

# Fayetteville State University

**Han Lheem** has a chapter accepted, "A Triangle Relationship: China, Russia, and the U.S. Over Central Asia," to be published in Dennis Hickey and Baogang Guo, ed., *Dancing with the Dragon: China's Emergence in the Developing World*, (Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, 2009). Lheem has also published a survey research report, *Public Health and Environmental Awareness in Cumberland County, North Carolina: A Survey Analysis in 2008*, (funded by The Center for Health Disparities, Fayetteville State University, 2009), and his book, *State, Governance, and Environmental Sustainability: A Cross-National Analysis*, has been accepted to be published in LAP Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co. KG, 2009: ISBN 978-3-8383-1434-1. The Political Science program in Fayetteville State University has 4 undergraduate students in the mentoring research program funded by The Center for Undergraduate Social and Behavioral Studies, and is preparing for their research presentations in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NCPA, Feb. 26, 2010 at NC Central University.

## Mount Olive College

The Department of History and Social Science at Mount Olive College recently initiated a Political Science program providing students with expanded opportunities for an area of concentration or a minor field of study. Currently, the College has approved 11 course offerings in American Politics and Global Affairs. A selection of three or four courses encompassing these two areas is now offered during the Spring and Fall semesters. **Gerald Bushee**, Political Science Coordinator, is working with faculty and students to develop a Global Affairs group similar to the Model United Nations to spark student interest in the politics at the national and international levels as well as the influence of non-governmental actors. The department's future plans include courses in international political economy developed in partnership with Mount Olive's Tillman School of Business as well as other special topics or research seminars for advanced undergraduates. **Alan Lamm**, Department Chair, looks forward to expanding these initial offerings into a major in the field. Courses are available for traditional students on the College's main campus, for non-traditional students at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and online.

*Congratulations to Mount Olive College on its new political science program*

## UNC-Greensboro

This fall marks a significant addition to the department with a partnership with North Carolina's Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL). Formerly housed at Greensboro College, and before that at NC State University, the nonpartisan IOPL prepares a class of up to 20 Fellows each semester to run for political office. During its more than 18 years, the Institute has trained over 750 Fellows through its 10-week program, many of whom have held or currently hold offices on school boards, city councils, county commissions, and in the General Assembly. The IOPL's executive director, **Robin Dorff** (formerly of NC State), with assistance from department lecturer **Thomas Little**, organized this year's program. While some of the weekend sessions will be held on campus, IOPL offers its sessions at four other locations in the state as well.

Additional activities of the UNC-G faculty: **Bill Crowther** attended the International Political Science Association's annual conference in Chile in July, at which he presented his research on Semi-Presidentialism. **Robert Griffiths** presented his research on U.S.-Africa security cooperation at a Forum on Democracy, Peace, and Justice in Uppsala, Sweden, in October. **Charles Prysby** and his colleague, Carmine Scavo, from ECU, have completed the latest version of SETUPS, a web-based instructional package for students to analyze the 2008 presidential election. With American Political Science Association and Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research sponsorship, Prysby has developed the SETUPS package every four years since the 1972 presidential elections. **Thomas Little**, a PSC instructor, and **Jerry Pubantz**, now director of the Lloyd International Honors College, are part of an interdisciplinary project coordinated by faculty in the School of Education and the Bryan School. The project's purpose is to train North Carolina public school teachers to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in their students. Little focused on the topic of "Civic Literacy," while Pubantz developed the "Global Awareness" theme.

An online version of PSC 105 Political Issues delivered by UNCG's new iSchool program was recognized with an award for Best Practices in Distance Learning in the higher education division at the 2009 national conference of US Distance Learning Association. This creative course for high school students across North Carolina was developed by the

Division of Continual Learning (DCL) staff and four faculty in the department— **Elizabeth McNamara, Carisa Showden, A. Leigh Sink, and Adam Van Liere.**

## UNC-Wilmington

News items from the Department of Public and International Affairs: **John F. Brennan** joined our faculty in Fall 2009. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in quantitative methods, local government, public management, as well as program and policy analysis. Prior to coming to UNCW, John was a Program Manager and Research Associate at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. He has worked in various research capacities at Cleveland State University, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, CGI Information and Technology Consultants, and as a contract researcher.

In other news, approval was granted in September 2009 for the Betty and Dan Cameron Family Distinguished Professorship of Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector, and in November 2009 for our Graduate Certificate in Conflict Management and Resolution, which will begin in Fall 2010. The keynote address for the annual Poli-Sci Days program, “US Policy in the Middle East,” was given by Jonathan Broder, senior editor for defense and foreign policy at *Congressional Quarterly Weekly*.

Publications within the department include: Bruce, Katherine E., **Jennifer E. Horan**, Patricia H. Kelley, Mark Galizio. 2009. “Teaching Evolution in the Galápagos.” *The Journal of Effective Teaching* 9(2):14-28; **Jennifer Horan and Stephen Meinhold**, et al. “Evaluating Disaster Education: NOAA’s Tsunami Ready Community Program and Risk Awareness Education Efforts.” *New Directions for Evaluation* (forthcoming); **Stephen Meinhold, Jennifer Horan**, et al. 2009. “Managing Tsunami Risk: Social Context Influences on Preparedness.” *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology* 3(1):27-37; **Jungkun Seo**. “Staying the Course or Switching Position? Recurring Roll Call Votes on China’s MFN Extension in the U.S. House, 1990–2000” *American Politics Research* (forthcoming); **Jungkun Seo**. “Wedge Issue Dynamics and Party Position Shifts: Chinese Exclusion Debates in the U.S. Congress, 1879-1882” *Party Politics* (forthcoming). **Jungkun Seo**. “U.S.-China Trade Under Pressure From Congress,” *Journal of US-China Public Administration* (forthcoming); **Remonda Kleinberg**. *The Politics of International Trade Regulation in the Developing World*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press (forthcoming); **Paarlberg, L.E.** and Bielefeld W. (2009). “Complexity Science – An Alternative Framework for Understanding Strategic Management in Public Serving Organizations” with Wolfgang Bielefeld. *International Journal of Public Management*. 12(2): 236-261; **Paarlberg, L.E.** and Varda, D. (2009) “Redefining Nonprofit Carrying Capacity: A Network Exchange Perspective.” with Danielle Varda *Nonprofit Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. 28(4). 597-613; **Paarlberg, L.E.** and Gen, S. (2009). “The Determinants of Private Funding of Public Services: The Case of k-12 Education.” *American Review of Public Administration*. 39(4): 391-408. Christensen, R., Clerkin, R., Nesbit, B. and **Paarlberg, L.** (2009). Light and dark sides of nonprofit activities and the rules to manage them: The case of charitable bingo.” *Administration and Society*. 41 ((2): 213 – 234.

Grants and honors received by the department include **Laurie Paarlberg, Steve Meinhold, and Tom Barth**, *Successful Nonprofit Associations and Programs (SNAP)*, \$197,000 award from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust; **Remonda Kleinberg**’s UNCW-TV series, “The World at Large” received one of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual *Silver Telly Awards*, which honor the very best local, regional, and cable television programs (winning entries are recognized and awarded as Silver or Bronze Winners); **Earl Sheridan** was reelected to a second term on the Wilmington City Council; **Robert Hatem** won the 2009 NCPA Undergraduate Paper Award; and **Elizabeth Saunders** and **Imari Nkenge-Hinds** won outstanding delegate awards at the Columbia University Model UN conference.

## Western Carolina University

**Claudia Bryant** works part-time in the Western Carolina University International Services and Programs Office. She coordinates faculty exchanges and spent the 2009 summer in Korea and Japan. **Todd Collins** has recently had articles accepted for publication in *PS: Political Science and Politics* and *White House Studies*. **Chris Cooper** continues to direct the MPA Program and the Public Policy Institute. He has forthcoming articles in *Social Forces*, *Southern Cultures*, and *Psychological Assessment*.

**Kristen Flanagan** joins the department from the University of Pittsburgh. She is completing her dissertation, “The Supply and Demand of Mediation.” **Gibbs Knotts** serves as chair of the NCAA Honors Committee and as a member of the North Carolina Internship Council. He has articles accepted for publication in *Social Forces* and *Southern*

*Cultures*. **Don Livingston** was awarded the university's first "Last Lecture Award." He has an article forthcoming in the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. **Gordon Mercer** continues as president of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society. He also hosts a radio show, "Citizens Making a Difference," and writes a column for the *Franklin Press*.

**Niall Michelsen** continues to serve as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. He recently presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association titled, "Democratic Electoral Politics and International Cooperation." **Jason Sides** has presented papers at a number of conferences including the Southern Political Science Association and the Midwest Political Science Association.

**Thanks to all Contributors**  
*Spring Newsletter Submission Deadline*  
*March 15, 2009*