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CALL FOR PAPERS

The North Carolina Political Science Association will hold its 44th annual conference in Charlotte on February 27, 2015. Submissions for paper proposals, panels, and roundtable discussions will begin in the fall semester of 2014. The NCPSA welcomes proposals from university and college faculty, educators, and public intellectuals. We also especially encourage proposals from graduate and promising undergraduate students. The NCPSA conference offers an ideal forum for students to gain experience presenting their research to an audience.

In addition, the NCPSA will begin offering a new prize: the Fidelity Investments Best Graduate Student Paper Award. The graduate student who presents the top paper at the 2015 conference will receive a \$200 award, which the NCPSA will present at the following year's 2016 conference. Undergraduates will continue to be eligible for the existing Troutman-Rainey Award (\$200).

The NCPSA's current president, Martha Kropf, will provide additional details about the conference in the months to come. Please also check for updates, as well as information on registration and membership in the NCPSA, at our website, <http://www.ncpsa.net>.

REPORT ON 43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Han Lheem
Fayetteville State University

The 43rd annual NCPSA conference included more than 30 panel presentations and discussions from professors and students from several North Carolina and out-of-state academic institutions. Rob Christensen of the *News & Observer* and author of the book, *The Paradox of Tar Heel Politics*, gave the conference's keynote speech.



Rob Christenson
News & Observer



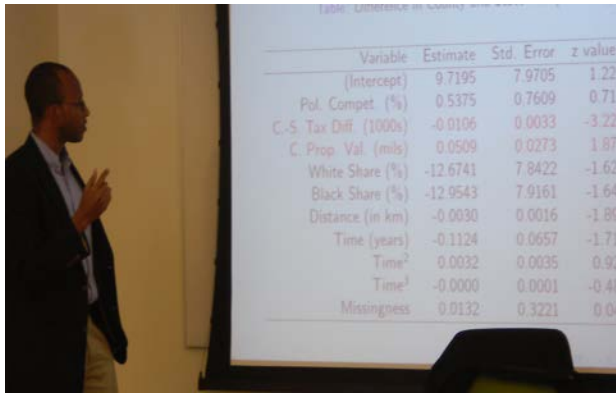
Sarah Macut
East Carolina University

The NCPSA also announced the winner of two awards. The Troutman-Rainey Award for Best Undergraduate Research Paper went to Sarah Macut of East Carolina University for her paper "Tar Heel Terrorism: Assessing the Domestic Threat to Fort Bragg from Case Studies of Fort Dix and Fort Hood." The Oral Parks Memorial Award for Best Faculty Paper was awarded to Elisha Carol Savchak and Amanda Ross Edwards of North Carolina State University for their paper, "Judges Among Us: A Look at Judicial Outreach in the States."



A. Edwards and E. Savchak
NC State University

Photos from the 2014 NCPSA Conference



Jared Daugherty
Duke University



Jason Giersch
UNC-Charlotte



Jonathan Jackson
University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Cicily Hampton
UNC-Charlotte

TESTIMONY FROM THE 2014 NCPSA CONFERENCE

The 2014 NCPSA conference included several student presentations. Hollie Tripp, a Public Policy Ph.D. student at UNC-Charlotte, had this to share:

The North Carolina Political Science Association hosts an excellent forum for gaining conference experience. I was impressed with the caliber of presentations and grateful for the insightful feedback provided to me by the discussant and the audience. I also appreciated networking with fellow academicians and look forward to attending this conference next year.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Bennett College

EVENTS

- Prof. Kurewa hosted the Honda All-Stars Challenge this semester.

FACULTY INFORMATION

- **Dr. Ambrous Jacobs:** Placed second at the North Carolina Open Chess Tournament, held in Greensboro, North Carolina over Labor Day weekend.
- **Professor Yamuranai Kurewa:** Attended the Evidence Based Training Guilford County Trauma Summit Zion (May 9, 2013); attended the Financial Capability Asset Building (FCAB) workshop for social work programs at Washington University in St. Louis, MO (May 12-15, 2013); received recognition by the Greensboro YMCA for volunteer work as a Doula and Committee member (August 15, 2013); conducted a community analysis walking tour with the SW 402 Social Work Practice with Communities and Organization class (September 12, 2013); successfully placed two senior social work students for the 500-hour Field Practicum.
- **Dr. Jan Laughinghouse:** Facilitated training (“Case Management Competencies”) for Partners Ending Homelessness Academy (October 24, 2013); facilitated training (“Compassion Fatigue”) for Partners Ending Homelessness Academy (November 6, 2013); facilitated training (“Ethical Boundaries”) for WE! Shelter volunteers on (November 16, 2013); supervised a group of five substance abuse counseling interns working toward certification with the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (May 17-present); supervised a master’s level clinician from Seton Hall University who is in the process of obtaining NC licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (May-August 2013); served as a trainer for the Partners Ending Homelessness Academy (May 2013); provided clinical services including consultation, assessment, and individual and group substance abuse counseling to Mary’s House (Greensboro, NC).
- **Dr. Karla McLucas:** Selected for participation in the 2013 UNCF/Mellon Faculty Development International Seminar in Salvador (Bahia), Brazil (July 5-19, 2013); presenter on a panel about experiences in Brazil at the UNCF/Mellon Programs Conference in Atlanta, GA (October 3-5, 2013).
- **Dr. Mary E. Stephens:** Nominated to NASW-NC Board of Directors; moderator for Career Day Panel (November 13, 2014); advisor for the Social Work Club; advisor for Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society; advisor for Barge Hall Social Justice programming; nominated to NASW-NC Board of Directors; attended informational session at North Carolina A&T State University on Aging in Place Research (January 25, 2013).
- **Dr. Robert Williams:** Attended the Model United Nations interviews for student leadership positions at NCCU (November 12, 2013). Dr. Williams also authored a

chapter, entitled, “W.E.B. Du Bois and Positive Propaganda,” in the book: *Protest and Propaganda: W. E. B. Du Bois, the Crisis, and American History* (edited by Amy Helene Kirschke and Phillip Luke Sinitiere, University of Missouri Press, 2014).

- **Dr. McLucas and Prof. Kurewa:** Attended the Financial Asset Training at Washington University and integrated the training into their courses.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Evelyn Bryant '13:** Employed in Georgia as a Permanency (Foster Care) Social Worker for the Department of Family and Children’s Services.
- **Chelsea Hayes '13:** Hired at the agency where she completed her 500-hour field practicum (Probation Officer for Guilford County Probation/Parole).
- **Dominique Walker '15:** Studied abroad in Rome, Italy for five months with a two-week orientation in Florence. Awarded the full \$5,000 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. This prestigious award ranged from \$1,000–\$5,000. The amount of the award covered the full amount owed on her tuition. Dominique also participated over the summer in the Ronald H. Brown Prep Program for College Students. The Prep Program aims to encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds to apply to law school and pursue the study and practice of law.
- **India Wilkins '14:** Wrote and published a novel entitled, *Enamored*.
- **Zakiya Bolden:** Selected as Under-Secretaries General at the *Model UN- Interviews for Student Leadership Positions* at NCCU (November 12, 2013).
- **Dayson Wagner:** Selected as a moderator during the *Model UN-Interviews for Student Leadership Positions* at NCCU (November 12, 2013).

Catawba College

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Catawba College’s Department of History and Politics has hired two new visiting assistant professors of politics: Drs. Dan Cicenía and Norris Feeney. Dr. Cicenía comes to Catawba from Virginia Tech, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. He specializes in American politics, with an emphasis on Congress. Dr. Norris Feeney graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where he worked with the Howard H. Baker Center for Public Policy. He specializes in international and comparative politics at Catawba.

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Charles McAllister,** professor of history, has taken over the responsibilities as chair for the Department of History and Politics. He replaces Dr. Michael Bitzer, who is serving as the provost of the college.

East Carolina University

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Dr. Armin Krishnan joined the ECU faculty as an assistant professor beginning in the 2013-14 academic year. He specializes in defense, intelligence, and international security. Dr. Krishnan is the author of three books that explore new aspects of contemporary warfare, such as the outsourcing of military services, the development of autonomous weapons, and targeted killings and drone warfare in the context of the War on Terror.

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Jody Baumgartner:** Published research prior to the 2012 elections that correctly predicted Mitt Romney's selection of Paul Ryan as his vice presidential candidate. With S. Robert Lichter and Jonathan Morris, he co-authored the book, *Politics Is a Joke! How TV Comedians Are Remaking Political Life* (Westview Press, 2014). He is currently working on a new book on the vice presidency, due to be published in 2015.
- **Dr. David P. Conradt:** Co-authored the tenth edition of *The German Polity* (Rowman-Littlefield). He also has co-authored and edited a special issue of *German Politics* commemorating the 50th anniversary of *Civic Culture*, the seminal study of political culture and a classic of political science. The sixth edition of his co-authored *Politics in Europe* (CQ Press) is also forthcoming.
- **Dr. Alethia Cook:** Completed a book with Marie Olson Lounsbery entitled, *Conflict Dynamics* (University of Georgia Press). Dr. Cook is also working on a new book project that will focus on chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons. In particular, the book will examine the unique challenges these types of weapons pose to the U.S. government as it attempts to keep them out of the wrong hands and prepare to respond to an attack if it were to occur.
- **Dr. Thomas Eamon:** Completed his book, *The Making of a Southern Democracy: North Carolina Politics from Kerr Scott to Pat McCrory* (UNC Press). The book has received rave reviews. Since its release, Dr. Eamon has held various book signings across the state and has been interviewed by various media outlets to discuss his work.
- **Dr. Peter Francia:** Appeared on C-SPAN with Jay Morris as presenters of the paper, "The Divided Republicans? Tea Party Supporters, Establishment Republicans, and Social Networks" at the State of the Parties conference in Akron, Ohio. The paper will appear in the forthcoming 6th edition of *The State of the Parties* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015). Dr. Francia also has authored six book chapters since 2013 on organized labor, protest movements, interest groups, and campaign finance.
- **Dr. Younhee Kim:** Currently serves as managing editor of the *International Journal of eGovernance and Networks*. Dr. Kim is also a symposium editor of *Public Performance & Management Review*. She recently had two articles accepted for publication: "Reintroducing the Zone of Indifference: Disengaging the Cogs of Service Performance and Citizen Satisfaction," with Etienne Charbonneau and Alexander Henderson, in *Public Money & Management* and "Impact of Market Competition on Local Public Hospital

Performance: The Two-Stage DEA-Regression Approach” written in Korean with Hyun-min Cho and Minah Kang, in *The Korean Journal of Health Economics and Policy*.

- **Dr. Brad Lockerbie:** Participated in a program at the Southern Political Science Association in which he correctly forecasted the outcome of the 2012 presidential election between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, as well as seat changes in the U.S. House of Representatives. This research appeared in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Dr. Lockerbie also has authored an article in *Social Science Quarterly* entitled “Race and Religion: Voting Behavior and Political Attitudes.”
- **Dr. Marie Olson Lounsbury:** Completed a book, *Conflict Dynamics* (University of Georgia Press), with Alethia Cook. Dr. Olson Lounsbury continues her research on organizational structures of rebel and terrorist groups. She presented two papers at the 2014 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Toronto on the topic. She also has several articles in process that examine the shifting nature of civil conflict and resolution processes.
- **Dr. Bonnie G. Mani:** Authored a chapter, “The Americans with Disabilities Act: Contradictions in Public Policy,” in *Public Human Resource Management: Problems and Prospects*. She also authored the article, “The Human Capital Model and Federal Employees’ Pay: Gender, Veteran Status, and Occupation,” in *Gender Issues*.
- **Dr. Jonathan (Jay) S. Morris:** Published multiple articles addressing the role of humor and politics during the last several presidential elections. In 2012, Morris published an article in *Public Opinion Quarterly* examining how Tina Fey’s impressions of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live in the 2008 campaign influenced public attitudes toward Palin. This research was co-authored with Jody Baumgartner and ECU undergraduate student Natasha Walth. Morris and Baumgartner also have completed a book, *Politics is a Joke!* with S. Robert Lichter (Westview Press).
- **Dr. Sharon Paynter:** Authored four articles in 2013. Two articles, “Multijurisdictional Industrial Parks and Revenue Sharing: An Application of Growth Pole Theory” in the *Journal of Public Administration and Governance* and “Do Job Creation Tax Credits Benefit Existing Residents or In-Migrants? A Snapshot of North Carolina’s Experience” in *Coastal Business Journal*, focus on economic development strategies aimed at boosting jobs, especially in poverty stricken rural areas. The other two articles are focused on practices of engaged scholarship in the *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* and the *Journal of Extension*.
- **Dr. Jalil Roshandel:** Co-edited the book, *The Moral Psychology of Terrorism: Implications for Security* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013). He also presented a research paper entitled “The Press and Social Media in Iran since the Green Revolution” at the 31st Annual Conference of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies (ACISIS) at Seton Hall University. His latest book proposal, *The Changing Middle East: Power and Politics in an Age of Revolution* has been contracted by Roman and Littlefield.

- **Dr. Carmine Scavo:** Was a contributing co-author to the book, *State and Local Government by the People*, 16th edition (Pearson, 2014). Dr. Scavo also is working on a multi-year project with Emily Washington from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University evaluating the effectiveness of state streamlining commissions. These commissions have been appointed in more than 30 states to examine the state bureaucracy and budget to find efficiencies and reduce regulations. Scavo and Washington delivered a paper at the 2012 APPAM (Association for Public Policy and Management) conference in Baltimore on their preliminary findings. A second paper with more complete findings will be published online as a Mercatus Center working paper.
- **Dr. Olga Smirnova:** With co-author Suzanne Leland, Dr. Smirnova published the article, “The Role of Power and Competition in Contracting Out: An Analysis of Public Transportation Markets” in *Administration and Society*. Together with Tom Holt and Yi Ting (Michigan State University), she completed a large-scale study and peer-reviewed report for the National Institute of Justice entitled, “Examining the Structure, Organization, and Processes of the International Market for Stolen Data.” She also contributed two book chapters: “Advancing Research on Computer Hackers through Online Data,” in *Social Networking as a Criminal Enterprise*, and “Are Creative and Green Cities also Smart and Clean?” in *Technopolis: Smart Cities as Learning Ecologies*.
- **Dr. Bob Thompson:** Continues to be active in working on homeless issues statewide through his work with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness. He also has continued working with the Talent Capacity Enhancement Building Project. This is the fourth year of this project, which works with small local governments and non-profits from across the state. Its purpose is to enable the participants to be better able to secure and manage grants.

Gardner-Webb University

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The department re-structured the political science major creating a more solid curriculum featuring American Political Institutions, Political Processes, International Relations, and Comparative/Regional Politics.

GWU participated in the first SE Model UN in Charlotte where two students won personal writing honors. The department is also pleased to announce that every political science graduate had an internship, participated in a model simulation (UN, Arab League, or NATO), and either went overseas or did an individual research project. One graduate is at Mercer Law, another at Emory Law, a third in graduate school at Vanderbilt, another at NC Central Law, and the rest are working to save for further school.

Ben Gaskins developed a new course based on his interests and strengths in public opinion, and taught a new course in Public Policy and Administration this past fall. Ben and Michael Kuchinsky participated in conferences and presented papers.

Johnson C. Smith University

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Tonya Williams:** Elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2013-2015).
- **Dr. Terza Lima-Neves:** Launched Johnson C. Smith University's first Annual Women's International Month Film and Lecture Series. This series comprises weekly events, celebrating women in politics and society via lectures, films, and exhibits by women and/or about women in the United States and throughout the world. She also accompanied a group of six political science students to the International Studies Association Conference held at Queens University. Dr. Lima-Neves served as chair and discussant on two panels on gender and politics, and immigration politics. For some of the attending students, this was their first conference experience, which inspired and motivated them to begin research for papers they plan to present at future conferences, including the NCPSA annual meeting.
- **Dr. Williams and Dr. Lima-Neves:** Co-organized the first annual Black History Month Lecture Series at Johnson C. Smith University. This year's events included a panel on bridging the gap between the historical civil rights movement and the current movement for justice and equality, with noted North Carolina civil rights activists, Dorothy Counts and Charles Jones.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Briana Robinson:** Selected as the 2013 UNCF-Mellon Undergraduate Fellow for 2013-2015.

Methodist University

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Methodist University's Political Science Program has launched a new concentration in Public Administration.

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Chris Cronin:** Presented a paper, "Tweeting the Vote: Campaigns, Congress, and Twitter," at the Southern Political Science Association conference in New Orleans, January 2014.

North Carolina Central University

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Bruce Lapenson:** Published an article entitled, "Race and Existential Commitment in James Baldwin," in the Fall issue of *Philosophy and Literature* (Johns Hopkins

University Press). He also authored the article entitled, “The Evolving Political Thought of Malcolm X: Dynamic and Productive Tensions,” in *Radical Philosophy Review*.

- **Dr. Rolin Mainuddin:** Published a book review published online (*Islam and Literalism: Literal Meaning and Interpretation in Islamic Legal Theory* by Robert Gleave). He also presented a conference paper, “The Arab Spring and Democratic Transition: Reforms in the GCC Countries,” at the International Studies Association-Peace Science Society Joint Conference in Budapest, Hungary, and “Foreign Policy Dynamics of Regime Change from the Arab Spring: Is There An Islamist Threat?” at the Pan-European Conference on International Relations, in Warsaw, Poland.

North Carolina State University

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The Department of Political Science had a productive and event-filled year. The faculty published a number of articles in peer-reviewed journals, produced several book chapters, and presented over two dozen conference papers. The Department also received over \$110,000 in grants.

The department invited a number of prominent scholars and speakers to campus during the 2012-2013 academic year. Mr. Timothy Noah, a senior editor at the *New Republic*, and Professor Richard Hasen, the Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California at Irvine, gave the American Values Lecture. Mr. Noah discussed income inequality in the United States in his public talk in the spring of 2013, and Professor Hasen, a nationally recognized expert on election law, spoke on the topic of “Race, Party, and Politics: North Carolina’s New Front in the Voting Wars” in the following fall semester. In addition to its American Values Lecture, the Department has a Visiting Young Scholars Program, which invites a promising young scholar to campus to present his or her research in forums attended by students, faculty and the general public. Dr. Brandon Turner from Clemson University was last year’s Visiting Young Scholar. Dr. Turner, who, at the time of his visit, was a Visiting Fellow in the Political Theory Institute (School of Public Affairs) at American University, participated in several venues, including giving a public talk on “The Intellectual Origins of Spontaneous Order.”

Moreover, the Masters of International Studies (MIS) program sponsored two noteworthy events. Dr. Heidi Hobbs, the Director of the MIS program, invited Mr. Jeff Justice, Foreign Commercial Service Officer with the United States Department of Commerce and an MIS alumnus, to speak to MIS graduate students about his current work in Istanbul, Turkey. Also, with funding from the United States Institute for Peace, graduate students from the MIS and Public Administration programs organized a very engaging conference on peace building in Latin America during the 2013 spring semester. The conference panels included scholars, non-profit leaders and practitioners, and its keynote speaker was an expert on Venezuela from the Carter Center in Atlanta.

FACULTY NEWS

- **Dr. Michael Cobb** and **Dr. Mark Nance**: Collaborated with two faculty members from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil on a research project that explores linkages between trade and public opinion.
- **Dr. Robert Moog**: Served as a participant in an interdisciplinary group of NCSU faculty that examined sustainability and environmental issues in South Asia. Dr. Moog was also one of the main organizers of a 2-day conference on “Environment Across the Disciplines: Perspectives for India and Beyond.”
- **Dr. William Boettcher**: Served as a member of the Executive Board of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS), and was instrumental in creating the Energy and Security Initiative (ESI), which is an interdisciplinary consortium comprised of representatives from TISS, SPIA (PS Dept.), the College of Engineering, the Department of Nuclear Engineering, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS). Dr. Boettcher hosted the TISS/ESI yearlong luncheon seminars in which respected scholars and practitioners examined the intersection between energy and security issues.
- **Dr. Jason Kalmbach**: Joined the faculty as a postdoctoral scholar in the fall of 2013. Dr. Jason Kalmbach earned his Ph.D. in Political Science at Michigan State University, and he researches and teaches in the area of science and technology, politics, and policy.
- **Dr. Michael Voss**: Joined the faculty as a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of International Studies. Dr. Voss teaches courses in the Department’s International Politics Concentration.
- **Dr. Jesse Crane-Seeber**: Joined the faculty as another postdoctoral scholar in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Crane-Seeber teaches in the MIS program.
- **Dr. Heidi Hobbs**: Received the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award. Dr. Hobbs was one of two nominees from CHASS for the University Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

- **Steven Greene** and Laura Elder: *The Politics of Parenthood* (SUNY Press, 2012).
- **Heidi Hobbs** and Harry Chermotsky: *Crossing Borders: International Studies for the 21st Century* (CQ Press, 2013).
- **Sanford Kessler** and **Traci Reid**: *American Debates on Sexual Equality* (Bloomsbury, 2013).
- **Michael Struett**, Jon D. Carlson, and **Mark T. Nance**: *Maritime and Piracy and the Construction of Global Governance* (Routledge, 2012).
- **Andrew Taylor**: *The Floor in Congressional Life* (University of Michigan, 2012) and *Congress: A Performance Appraisal* (Westview, 2013).

UNC-Charlotte

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Dr. Martha Kropf earned promotion to full professor, and Dr. John Szmer earned promotion to Associate Professor (with tenure).

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

- **Nick Caste:** Edited the book, *Political Philosophy: Government and Human Nature* (Cognella University Press, 2014).
- **Jacqueline Chattopadhyay:** Co-authored a book, with Jennifer Hochschild, Claudine Gay, and Michael Jones-Correa, *Outsiders No More? Models of Immigrant Political Incorporation* (Oxford University Press, 2013).
- **Jaclyn Piatak:** Co-authored a book, with Burt S. Barnow and John Trutko, *Occupational Labors Shortages: Concepts, Causes, Consequences, and Cures* (Upjohn Institute, 2013).

The department also reports a number of journal publications, including:

- **Justin Conrad and James Igoe Walsh:** “International Cooperation, Spoiling, and Transnational Terrorism, *International Interactions*, forthcoming.
- **Eric Heberlig, Suzanne Leland, and Dustin Read:** “Local Politics, Organized Interests and Land Use Policy: A Research Note Analyzing the Perceptions of Urban Planners Working in City Government,” *Urban Affairs Review*, forthcoming.
- **Martha Kropf:** “North Carolina Election Reform Ten Years After the Help America Vote Act,” *Election Law Journal*, vol. 12 (2013): 179-189.
- **John Szmer and Martha Humphries Ginn:** “Examining the Effects of Information, Attorney Credibility, and Amicus Participation on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making,” *American Politics Research*, forthcoming.
- **James Igoe Walsh:** “Precision Weapons, Civilian Casualties, and Support for the Use of Force,” *Political Psychology*, forthcoming.

UNC-Wilmington

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Dr. Jeffrey Brudney, Betty and Dan Cameron Family Distinguished Professor of Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector, received the Editor’s Prize for the Best Scholarly Article in *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, for his article “Problems Recruiting Volunteers Nature versus Nurture” (co-authored with Mark Hager) at the annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. Dr. Raymonda Kleinberg also was named a 2013-14 Academic Fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington, DC.