

Department Announces New Faculty Members

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Michael Findley: assistant professor, international relations

Rachel Wellhausen: assistant professor, international relations (spending the 2012-13 academic year on a [post-doc at Princeton's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance](#)).

Paula Newberg: will join the department in January 2013 as clinical professor and fellow of the Charles Wilson Chair in Pakistan Studies.

Christopher Wlezien: will join the department as Hogg Professor on Sept. 1, 2013. Until then, he remains professor of political science at Temple University. Chris brings with him a sterling record of research, teaching, and professional service. He will contribute significantly to our programs in American politics, public policy, comparative electoral systems, and much more.

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Terry Chapman Wins Best Book Award

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Terry Chapman won the 2012 Best Book Award of the American Political Science Association's Conflict Processes Group. The award is for his book [Securing Approval: Domestic Politics and Multilateral Authorization for War](#). The award is given for the best book making outstanding contributions to the study of any and all forms of political conflict, either within or between nation-states.



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Robert Hardgrave: A Mini-Retrospective

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Not long ago, I got a check from the publisher of my textbook on Indian politics, and it occurred to me that I have two books that have been continuously in print for some 40 years, and I suspect that does not happen very often in the discipline. The publishers for each have changed with time, as they have been bought, split up, or reincarnated, but both books have remained available—one, *INDIA: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN A DEVELOPING NATION*, through seven editions; the other, *COMPARATIVE POLITICS: THE QUEST FOR THEORY*, still in print as it was originally published.

Let me say something about each.

INDIA: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN A DEVELOPING NATION, with me as sole author, was published by Harcourt Brace Janovich in 1970. For the 4th edition, 1986, I invited Stanley A. Kochanek to join me for the revision, and he remained my co-author through the most recent (and dare I say last) edition, the 7th, 2008, on the Thompson Wadsworth imprint. The book has long been the standard textbook on Indian politics, but the last edition covers developments only into 2005, and events are rapidly overtaking its discussion and analysis.

The second book, *COMPARATIVE POLITICS: THE QUEST FOR THEORY*, co-authored with James A. Bill, my colleague in UT's Department of Government at the time it was written, was published by Charles E. Merrill (a Bell & Howell company) in 1973 and today carries the imprint of University Press of America, a division of Rowman & Littlefield. Over the years, Jim Bill and I got "fan mail" from graduate students with thanks for helping them get through their comprehensive examinations. In the Spring 1988, PS's "The Political Science Teacher" (a publication of the American Political Science Association) carried a survey of Graduate Core Courses in Comparative Politics. In his summary of the survey, Prof. Dean E. McHenry, Jr., wrote, "The range of required texts for the core course was great. A total of 60 different texts were required in the 23 syllabi in which required texts were listed Huntington's *Political Order in Changing Societies* (1968) was most widely required; Bill and Hardgrave's *Comparative Politics, the Quest for Theory* (1973) was the second-most used...." And the book is still in print. Not bad.

By Robert Hardgrave, Temple Professor Emeritus of the Humanities in Government and Asian Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

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Joe Tafoya: Summer in Grad School

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My work for the summer started before I hit the Spring semester's finals week. I was brought on board by my undergraduate adviser and her colleague, a Princeton University professor, to work as a research assistant in a Get Out the Vote field experiment of theirs. My tasks were to organize and later run a volunteer phone bank that aimed to mobilize Latino voters in three local communities for the California Primary Election at CSU Los Angeles. Our aim was to test the effectiveness of ethnic centered messages; we tested "Latino" script against an "American" one and a "Recycle" placebo. From Austin, I recruited, interviewed, and scheduled 28 L.A. area high school students that were bilingual to participate. We successfully landed over 1,500 live contacts and produced promising results.

The second half of the summer I was once again brought on board as a research assistant by my undergraduate adviser but on a completely different project. This time my task was to interview 25 undocumented Latina/o youth or "DREAMers" in the Los Angeles area. I was to get a hold of them through Snowball Sampling. The 25 that I collected there were but 1/4 of the 100 perspectives that others would gather nationwide and later analyze into a book length treatment. The questionnaire for the qualitative interviews focused on how social and political realities affect the political socialization and material opportunities of undocumented youth. Having originated from the same community as them and holding a personal understanding of their struggles put me in a unique position to collect their stories – they unabashedly opened up and shared everything. The best part though was that I received the opportunity to include interview questions to test my own hypotheses. Without hesitation, I produced a political knowledge questionnaire and political sophistication measures. I attained 25 respondents in California and 25 from South Texas that another RA collected for my exclusive use. I'll get to analyzing those data soon and describe what I have found in a paper that I will title "Watching and Learning from the Shadows."

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New Article by Laura Seay

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Laura Seay's article, "Effective Responses: Protestants, Catholics, and the Provision of Health Care in the Post-war Kivu" is forthcoming in the *Review of African Political Economy*.

Abstract: In extremely weak states, why are some civil society organizations better at providing health care than others? How should scholars measure what constitutes "effective" social service provision? What are the long-term implications for state reconstruction when non-state actors provide the bulk of public goods available in a region? The role of faith communities and other civil society groups in providing health care in the Kivu provinces of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo provides a useful context in which to examine these questions. Faced with the negative effects of more than fifteen years of local, civil, and international conflicts, civil society organizations in are the only institutions capable of providing social services. In doing so, they effectively substitute for the state in its role as a provider and regulator of public goods.

This article seeks to explain why some civil society organizations are better at providing social services than others. It uses a series of detailed case studies to argue that a number of historical, demographic, and institutional factors cause some groups to develop stronger social capital networks than others, which in turn affects the degree of effectiveness an organization will have in providing social services in the state's absence and introduces a metric by which the effectiveness of social service provision by non-state actors can be measured. Taking into account the fact that standard measures of effective service provision such as maternal mortality or disease prevalence rates may not be useful measures in a situation of extreme violence and poverty, the article instead tests a measurement system that focuses on fifteen functional indicators. Finally, it considers the potential negative effects of non-state actors substituting for the state for the long-term project of state reconstruction.

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Graduate Student Papers Accepted to 2012 APSA

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William Blake: "Do State Supreme Court Justices Follow the Election Returns?"

Abby Blass: "Hopes and Fears: the Politics of Judicial Design"

Matt Buehler: "Social Base of Divide-and-Rule: Left-Islamist Alliances in North Africa's Arab Spring"

Danilo Contreras: "Latent Cleavages in Stratified Societies: Race and Candidate Evaluation in the Dominican Republic"

Peter Harris, "When States Appear: A Comparative Analysis of British and American Appeasement in the 1930s"

Jennifer Lamm: "Between Draft Eligibility and Citizenship: Representation and Obligation among Illegal Alien Minors"

Katie Putnam: "Issue Voting and Crime in Developing Democracies: Evidence from Mexico's Recent Elections"

Trey Thomas (with Timothy M. La Pira): "Revolving Doors: Assessing Lobbyists' Government Experience Across Policy Communities in Washington"

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Roberts, Blass, Shaw Article Accepted

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Brian Roberts, Abby Blass, and Daron Shaw have had an article accepted for publication by the [Election Law Journal](#).

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Yuval Weber Monographs

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Yuval Weber (with Dmitri Trenin) will have a monograph published by Carnegie Press this October/November on Russian foreign policy regarding the Kuril Islands in the wake changing regional security and economic trends.

Carnegie is also funding Weber's travel to Mongolia to conduct research for a monograph on Mongolian foreign policy in light of its massive natural resource export boom, and to be published early next year.

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Articles by Pete Mohanty

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Two New Publications from Pete Mohanty:

"Thick and Thin Public Sentiments and the Politics of Immigration in Europe" will appear in the December 2012 issue of *Comparative Sociology*.

Abstract: "Thick moralities" are those that reflect the values or way of life of a community, while "thin" moralities are those that reflect more basic claims to decency that can be recognized across even the most diverse moral communities. I use the 2008 European Values Study to examine attitudes towards immigration and the politics of left and right in the European Union and in the Schengen Area. I show that thick preferences increase opposition to immigration in Europe, and that thin preferences increase openness to immigration. I also demonstrate that thick values lead to support for the right and that thin values lead to support for the left in the majority of the countries studied.

"Gendered Jobs: Integrating Immigrants vs. Controlling Immigration in the European Union" (with Terri Givens, Melanie Hughes, and Suzanna Crage) has been accepted for publication in *Politics & Gender*.

Abstract: Despite ideological commitment to gender equality in European Union (EU) Member States, women in political leadership in the EU continue to be segregated into "women-friendly" political domains. We investigate the persistent gendering of cabinet positions, focusing on immigration policy. In recent years, governments throughout the EU have dramatically altered immigration policies, and have restructured government accordingly. Amidst change, we suggest that immigration ministry leadership will still maintain a traditional gendered division of political labor. Immigrant integration, similar to other forms of care work, may be more likely led by women, whereas the increasingly securitized portfolio of immigration control is likely to be led by men. We confirm these expectations for 2010 using descriptive statistics and logistic regression. This gendered pattern of political leadership sends powerful messages that women may not be fit to lead in all domains, suggesting implementation of EU commitments to gender equality lags behind the rhetoric.

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Barilleaux Appointed to Endowed Chair

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Ryan Barilleaux was named Paul Rejai Professor of Political Science at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

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E. McQuerry Joins Glenbrook

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Elizabeth McQuerry is joining Glenbrook, a payments consulting and research firm based in Menlo Park, CA. Glenbrook is a market leader in all things payments related. She will contribute her knowledge of global payments, emerging payments technologies (mobile, kiosks, prepaid cards, etc.) and central banking to the group's extensive knowledge base. Elizabeth will continue to reside in Atlanta, GA (where she formerly worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and then Microfinance International Corporation).

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Book Contract for Ayesha Ray

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Ayesha Ray has signed a book contract with SAGE India. Her book, [The Soldier and the State in India: Nuclear Weapons, Counterinsurgency and the Transformation of Indian Civil-Military Relations](#), is scheduled for release in December 2012.

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New Article by Paul DeHart

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Paul DeHart published "Covenantal Realism: The Self-Referential Incoherency of Conventional Social Contract Theory" in the July issue of *Perspectives on Political Science*.

Abstract: In this article I contend that conventional social contract theory is self-referentially incoherent. Conventional contractarianism therefore fails to provide an adequate foundation for the authority of the state and for the obligation of citizens to obey. The insistence on consent for legitimate political authority has usually been rendered in contractarian terms. Thus, the fall of conventional social contract theory seemingly entails that we should reject the principle of consent as well. Yet, the necessity of consent for the authority of the state and, concomitantly, for the obligation of citizens to obey seems to be an entailment of human equality. Thus, insofar as human persons are equal, the legitimacy of the state seems to require a foundation logically precluded to it. We are therefore confronted with a theoretical crisis. Even so, I will argue that we need not reject the principle of consent. The self-referential incoherency of conventional contractarianism results from its conventionalism. We can begin the work of salvaging the principle of consent from the demise of conventional social contract theory by erecting it upon the foundation of moral and ontological realism.

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