

Justin Dyer Promoted to Associate and Appointed Kinder Forum Director

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Just Dyer has been promoted to associate professor. He was also appointed director of the Kinder Forum on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri:

<http://democracy.missouri.edu>.

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Justin Dyer: Lewis, Barth, and Natural Law

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Justin Dyer's article, "Lewis, Barth, and the Natural Law," is forthcoming in the *Journal of Church & State*

<http://jcs.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/09/19/jcs.cst053.full.pdf?keytype=ref&ijkey=ze8upDMidlzo800>

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Eduardo Dargent: Technocracy and Democracy in Latin America

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Eduardo Dargent's book, *Technocracy and Democracy in Latin America: The Experts Running Government*, will be released by Cambridge in December.

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Xiaobo Lü: New Publications

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Lü, Xiaobo, and Pierre F. Landry. 2014. "Show Me the Money: Interjurisdiction Political Competition and Fiscal Extraction in China." *American Political Science Review* 108 (03):706-22.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9327364&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S0003055414000252>

Lü, Xiaobo. 2014. "Does Changing Economic Well-Being Shape Resentment About Inequality in China?" *Studies In Comparative International Development* 49 (3):300-20.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12116-014-9160-4#>

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Curt Nichols: Recent Publications

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Curt Nichols' recent publications include:

"Modern Reconstructive Presidential Leadership: Reordering Institutions in a Constrained Environment," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Politics in Contemporary Society*. 2014 (2).

"Court-Curbing via Attempt to Amend the Constitution: An Update of Congressional Attacks on the Supreme Court from 1955–1984," with David Bridge and Adam Carrington, *Justice System Journal*. 2014 (4) — online since May. (This little paper is currently the second most viewed article since JSJ started tracking online views.)

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Steve Barracca: Church-State Conflict in Mexico

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Steve Barracca (with Matthew L. Howell) published: "The Persistence of the Church-State Conflict in Mexico's Evangelical Vote: The Story of an Outlier," *The Latin Americanist*, Vol. 58, Issue 2 (June 2014): pp. 23-47.

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Steven Taylor: A Different Democracy

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Steven Taylor's book, *A Different Democracy: American Government in a 31-Country Perspective*, is forthcoming from Yale University Press (with Matthew Shugart, Arend Lijphart, and Bernard Grofman).

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Brian Arbour Publishes First Book

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Brian Arbour has published his first book: *Candidate-Centered Campaigns: Political Messages, Winning Personalities, and Personal Appeals*.

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Terri Givens' Immigration Blog

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Follow Terri Givens' immigration blog: <http://www.immigrationtexas.org/>

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Ken Greene: Chair of Excellence

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Ken Greene is spending the year on sabbatical in Spain as a Chair of Excellence at Carlos III University and Fellow at the Juan March Institute.

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Dennis Hickey: Taiwan and East China Sea Tension

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Dennis Hickey's new article, "Taiwan and the Rising Tensions in the East China Sea: A Mouse that Roared," was published in *ASIAN SURVEY*, (Volume 54, Number 3, May/June 2014, pp.492-514). As it happens, he published his first ever article in *Asian Survey* in 1986 – when he was a graduate student in the UT Department of Government.

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Ashley Moran: Strauss Center Updates

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Ashley Moran has been quite active as Strauss Center associate director. She recently [presented research](#) in South Africa. (Keep up with [Climate Change and African Political Stability](#) briefs.) And she is involved with the [DoD grant the center received](#) in May to study complex emergencies in Asia (working with Paula Newberg and Michael Findley).

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Bersch P.E.O. Award and Blog Coverage

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Katherine Bersch has received a P.E.O. National Scholar Award.

In July, her research on state capacity in Brazil was featured in the American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies blog: <http://aulablog.net/2014/07/02/>

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Patrick Hickey: Beyond Pivotal Politics

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Patrick Hickey's article, "Beyond Pivotal Politics: Constituencies, Electoral Incentives, and Veto Override Attempts," is forthcoming in the December 2014 issue of *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

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Sonia Alianak: The Arab Spring Realised?

Posted on **26 August 2014**

Sonia Alianak's book, *The Transition Toward Revolution and Reform: The Arab Spring Realised?*, has been published by Edinburgh University Press.

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