

# UNC Department of Political Science

## News from Hamilton Hall 2017



### LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our annual departmental newsletter. This is our chance to share with you some of the events and accomplishments our students and faculty have enjoyed over the past year. No matter your ideological stripes, it is safe to say this has been an amazing year to study politics. Our undergraduate students are energized by the changes they are experiencing in local, national, and world affairs. Our job as faculty remains as essential as ever, to teach these students how to view their world analytically and critically, while we conduct state of the art research to better understand the world around us. From Brexit, to gerrymandering to civil war in Syria, our students have access to expert faculty who are at the cutting edge of their fields.

We have much to celebrate this year, so allow me to mention a few highlights here and encourage you to read on. For the first time, we had two L. Richardson Preyer award winners, Lauren Kent and Kate Stotesbery. The Preyer Award enables us to recognize our very best graduating student every year, and this year the committee was so impressed with Kate and Lauren that they decided to recognize them both. These incredibly talented students gave terrific speeches at our graduation ceremony, followed by our keynote address by Robbie Bach, a former Chief Xbox Officer at Microsoft, UNC alum, and now a Civic Engineer.

Together these three speakers helped us celebrate our graduates with praise and wisdom.

This year the U.S. News & World Report ranked us eleventh in the nation compared to other political science departments in the United States. We are very proud of this distinction, but know that this is no time to rest on our laurels.

We are especially excited to announce the hiring of two new faculty, Marc Hetherington and Suzanne Globetti. Marc will join us in 2018 as the Raymond H. Dawson Distinguished Professor of Political Science, and he brings an important emphasis on the causes and consequences of polarization in politics both here in the United States and in Europe. He is the author of many impactful articles and three major books: *Why Washington Won't Work: Polarization, Political Trust, and the Governing Crisis* (with Thomas J. Rudolph, University of Chicago Press, 2015); *Authoritarianism and Polarization in America* (with Jonathan D. Weiler, Cambridge University Press, 2009); and *Why Trust Matters: Declining Political Trust and the Demise of American Liberalism* (Princeton University Press, 2005). His new research on approaches to public opinion that might bring Republicans and Democrats closer together could not be more timely or important.

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Suzanne joins us as a Lecturer in 2019. She studies the voting behavior of ordinary citizens. Suzanne will use her expert knowledge of campaigns, elections, and research methods to help our students learn how to think critically and analytically. These hires

are an essential step in preserving our ability to produce innovative research and provide the very best learning environment for our students.

I am also proud to report that Frank Baumgartner, our Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science, was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This landmark achievement is reflective of the remarkable and sustained contribution Professor Baumgartner continues to make to UNC, the state of North Carolina, and the field. You can read all about this exciting accomplishment herein.

As a part of a college-wide review, we underwent an extensive strategic planning exercise to focus our efforts moving forward. As stakeholders in our department, I want to summarize our strategic plan for you. First, we plan to deepen the research experience for our undergraduate majors. To do this, we plan to develop course-based research experiences (CURE courses), foster research synergies between faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and encourage our students to become a part of our ongoing research projects. We believe that we are at our best as teachers when we also share our passion for research with our students.

Second, we plan to enhance our support for faculty and students to conduct high-impact research and to communicate the findings of that research with our broader community (including you!). Look for news on our website ([politicalscience.unc.edu](http://politicalscience.unc.edu)), and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@UNCPoliSci) for the latest announcements.

Third, we hope to improve our ability to recruit and retain the best faculty and students available.

This includes efforts to build on the remarkable progress made possible by Tom Uhlman and the Uhlman fund to support our graduate students. Private support has increasingly become the “X-factor” in preserving excellence in our department’s performance. We firmly believe that having top faculty and graduate students is key to doing our best to serve our community of students, scholars, and citizens. The partnership between faculty and graduate students creates a whirlwind of research and teaching energy that opens up new frontiers of knowledge for our undergraduate students.

All of these plans serve to further our mission as a department, which is to engage the critical problems of our world through teaching and scholarship. Our complete mission statement and strategic plan can be found online at [politicalscience.unc.edu/mission](http://politicalscience.unc.edu/mission).

*Mark J.C. Crescenzi*  
*Chair, Department of Political Science*  
*Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor*

## Faculty Speak to Audiences Around the World

This year four of the department’s faculty took part in events put on by UNC Global. The purpose of these events was to connect UNC alumni from around the world to research and analysis being done by our faculty on hot-button issues affecting the global landscape. Each of the talks was streamed live around the world and gatherings for viewing were held at UNC’s Winston House in London. The first talk, “The Brexit Shock: Why it happened, and what now?” was given by Professors Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks on October 6. The second talk, “Transitioning to President Trump: Legislating with a Unified Republican Government” was held on January 25 and featured Professors Jason Roberts and Sarah Treul.

# Team Political Science Dominates the 2017 Tar Heel 10 Miler



On a warm, humid April morning, the 14 members of Team UNC Political Science gathered near the Bell Tower in preparation to run the 10th annual Tar Heel 10 Miler race through the streets of UNC and Chapel Hill. This was the department's first year to field a team in the Unit-

ed Healthcare Corporate Challenge, and it was a smashing success. Team Political Science finished first in the Female and Co-Ed divisions of the Corporate Challenge, and finished second in the Male division, besting the UNC Club Cross Country Team, UNC Healthcare, and numerous other teams in the process.

Second year graduate student Austin Bussing, who was the overall winner of race, said, "The Tar Heel 10 miler is an amazing race that really showcases the beauty of Chapel Hill and the spirit of the community. To run on the winning team, along-

side fellow graduate students and professors from my department, was an incredible experience."

In addition to drawing out the team's competitive streak, the experience was also a great way for students and faculty members to connect over something other than political science. Fifth year graduate student Chelsea Estancona said, "Running the Tar Heel 10 with the departmental team was a great experience. It was the longest race I've run, and training with other grad students made the process way less painful. Plus, celebrating our team win with the whole group of faculty and grad student runners after the race was so much fun!"

The department office now boasts two large shiny trophies that commemorate the department's victories. The team is hoping to add more members for the 20-18 race and add more trophies to its collection!



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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Professor Terry Sullivan Retires after 29 Years at UNC



After twenty nine year at the UNC-Chapel Hill, Associate Professor Terry Sullivan retired effective June 30, 2017. Professor Sullivan earned his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and taught courses on the presidency, leadership, organizations and bargaining. His research interests focused on presidential leadership, political tradecraft and ambition in leadership models. Most recently, Professor Sullivan is working on a grant through Rice University and the Moody Foundation entitled "Smoothing the Peaceful Transfer of Democratic Power." In 1997, he co-founded and now acts as Executive Director of the White House Transition Project, a multi-institutional consortium to assist in peaceful political transitions in the United States and other democracies.

# Graduate Student News



This spring, Ph.D candidate **Chelsea Estancona** received the World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship from the Smith Richardson Foundation. This annual grant competition supports dissertation research in the areas of American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history. Chelsea's dissertation

addresses the effects of natural resource profit acquisition on rebel groups' conflict outcomes. Her research suggests that rebel groups, like developing states, can be affected by a resource curse in which poorly governed groups are unable to apply such profits to achieving their political goals.

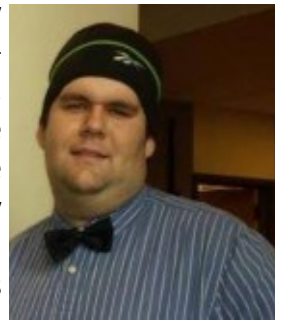


**Claire Greenstein** and **Cole Harvey** recently published an article in *Democratization* titled, "Trials, lustration, and clean elections: the uneven effects of transitional justice mechanisms on electoral manipulation." In this paper, they show that efforts to promote democratization in post-authoritarian countries through transitional justice—trials, truth commissions, amnesties, and lustrations—do not have a straightforward relationship with free and fair elections (a cornerstone of successful democratization). Trials are associated with reductions in illegal forms of electoral manipulation, like falsification of results, but have no significant relationship with legal forms of manipulation. Legal forms of manipulation include tactics like using the police and security forces to pressure opponents, and appear to be reduced following lustration policies. Lustration has no significant relationship with illegal manipulation, however. Lastly, neither amnesties nor truth commissions appear to have any association with improvements in electoral integrity.



**Jacob Smith** was awarded a Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, which funds research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. Using funds from

the grant, Jacob hired fellow graduate student Christian Caron as his research assistant, and their project examines the rise of party fundraising in the U.S. Senate, focusing especially on senators' desires to serve in party leadership as an impetus to engage in these efforts.



This research also seeks to make cross-chamber comparisons, positing that the rise of party fundraising in the U.S. House of Representatives after the 1994 election spilled over into the Senate as House members were elected to the upper chamber. Finally, this project explores how the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision in connection with a lower court's ruling in *Speechnow.org v. FEC* have expanded the modes of party fundraising.

**Devin Christensen** and **John Curiel**

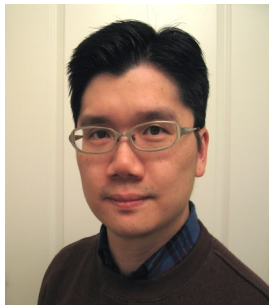
wrote a post in the Washington Post's Monkey Cage Blog. In the piece, John and Devin bring data to bear on the question of President Trump's media consumption habits. They analyzed Trump's Twitter behavior during his first two months in office and found support for the belief that the president relies most heavily on Fox morning infotainment for his political information, rather than more traditional, nonpartisan news sources. Trump tweets twice as much during morning show hours than he does at other times of the day, and content analysis shows his morning tweets are more aggressive than afternoon tweets. Finally, when Trump does directly reference news organizations, he attacks The New York Times, CNN, and The Washington Post as "fake" and "failing" while suggesting Fox & Friends as a "great" alternative.



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**David Ma** recently published an article in *Democratization* titled, “Judicial independence and state-business relations: the case of Taiwan’s ordinary courts.” The question of how ordinary courts in new and emerging democracies may gain judicial independence remains an understudied subject compared to its constitutional court counterpart. Through a case study of Taiwan, this article adopts and expands upon the concept of power diffusion from the extant literature, arguing that the growing power of Taiwan’s private corporate sector led the dominant political party Kuomintang (KMT) to grant independence to the ordinary courts as a means to check against this threat, because the excessive rent-seeking and corruption brought about by these empowered corporations were threatening the nation’s successful economic model and its rule of law. Also, due to the corporate sector’s growing influence on the ruling party itself, the KMT leadership had to devise strategies that can credibly commit to ordinary court independence, which would otherwise be reversed thereafter. This unique implication guides a qualitative empirical analysis that reinterprets the historical

## Collaboration Between Graduate and Undergraduate Students

The Political Science Department prides itself on the research and collaboration opportunities that are afforded to both undergraduate and graduate students. The synergies in the programs and the collaboration they foster is one of the things that sets us apart from other programs around the country. This year, our graduate students had the chance to work closely with undergraduate research assistants through collaboration on the CHAMP database project, and on a co-authored paper that was presented at the Midwest Political Science Conference.

Ph.D candidate Jacob Smith worked alongside undergraduate student Gavin Riley on a project that resulted in a conference presentation and a co-authored paper. Using funds from an Uhlman Summer Fellowship that he was awarded in the summer of 2016, Jacob hired Gavin to assist in collecting data throughout the summer, and the two continued to work together, using the data to write a paper. The paper examines how the (ultimately incorrect) perception that Donald Trump would be a weak nominee affected congressional candidate recruitment in 2016. Jacob and Gavin found that states with later filing deadlines saw a greater disparity between the parties, with Democrats gaining a stronger advantage in recruiting high-quality candidates over Republicans once it became clear that Donald Trump would be the Republican nominee. Their co-

authored paper is currently under review at a journal. Gavin Riley is a Political Science and History double-major with a passion for social science research. Asked about his experience at UNC, he says, “I had always wanted to pursue my interests in studying social movements and electoral politics before UNC, but the school has given me so many opportunities I would not otherwise have to pursue my passions. After graduation, I hope to go to grad school for political science and then either go into teaching or campaign management.” Collaborating with Jacob on this paper and presenting their research at Midwest gave Gavin the opportunity to meet with other political scientists and researchers with similar fields of interest.

Another project in which undergraduate and graduate students collaborated on this year was the CHAMP database. The project seeks to analyze the presence and influence women have – or do not have – in television news using data collected by the Chapel Hill American Media Project (CHAMP). The data consists of a collection of television news transcripts and coded speaker information for shows that originally aired on ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, MSNBC, and Fox News from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2014. Transcripts were downloaded from LexisNexis as text files and then parsed into a database containing 1226 show-year files tran-

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scripts. Ph.D candidates Kelsey Shoub and Anthony Chergosky hired four undergraduate students to assist in two stages of the project. First, they helped to build the initial database of who spoke on various television news programs, and continue to assist in supplementing that data set. Those assisting with that portion of the broader project gathered demographic and occupational information for those appearing on the television news shows. Second, the undergraduate students have assisted in breaking the transcripts down into discussion segments on a single topic. For this, they skim the transcript and indicate when the discussion on the show shifts to a new topic.

Undergraduate, Tana Stamper learned of the project through another graduate student, Amy Sentementes, who also introduced her to the field of political psychology. In addition to the support she has received through her collaboration with graduate students on

this project, Tana says that this experience has validated that she is going into the right field, and she intends to go to graduate school to pursue a Master's in Political Psychology.

Katharine Shriver learned about the CHAMP project through her graduate student instructor. The opportunity to work on this project helped her mature her research skills and political science knowledge. Her graduate student mentor, Anthony Chergosky, has provided her with advice and guidance that have better prepared her for her future endeavors. Regarding her experience on the project, Katharine says "UNC is a big school. So big that many undergraduates do not connect with graduate students and believe doing research is unattainable. However, the CHAMP project allowed me to build relationships with graduate students and gain valuable skills for my future career."

## Undergraduate Experience

Political Science majors at UNC are typically involved in many activities related to their academic interests in politics, and very often those interests lead to some exciting places—professionally and personally. Our majors take advantage of a range of diverse opportunities that allow them to go beyond the typical classroom experience and to grow as scholars and individuals.

Recent graduate, as well as Morehead-Cain Scholar and Buckley Public Service Scholar, Lauren Kent, is working at CNN in Atlanta, GA, where she is bringing together her dual interests in politics and journalism. While writing a fine honors thesis on women in Latin American politics and graduating with the highest honors, Lauren went on several job interviews in the spring. Like many of our majors, Lauren accepted a job that draws on her substantive interests in politics, and puts the critical thinking and analytic skills she honed here at UNC to good use. As an editorial researcher, she is part of a team at CNN that fact checks sensitive stories, breaking news, investigative reports and

news from war zones. With an intense political climate in the U.S. and numerous hot button stories in the international arena - the G20 summit, recent British elections, Russian involvement in foreign elections - there has yet to be a dull day at work. (The job has involved much more drinking of coffee than getting coffee for others.) In the Fall, Lauren plans to attend the London School of Economics and Political Science to begin working toward her master's in International Relations, focusing on transatlantic relations. She ultimately hopes to become a foreign correspondent, reporting for an international news organization.

Many of our students find opportunities to get practical, hands-on experience working in politics while still a student in the Political Science Department. Rising senior, Brian Davis, is one such student. Brian interned in DC this past summer for NC Congressman Mark Meadows, where he will research legislation af-

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fecting the state of North Carolina, attend hearings and briefings and answered constituent letters on various issues before the House. Brian also contacted senators and members of Congress for national defense authorization and for the Military Legalization Act. Not only will Brian receive course credit for his summer work, he will now gain valuable insight into the nitty-gritty of the legislative process and the daily functions of a congressional office.

Often our students' passions take them to faraway places, where they have the chance to study politics from an entirely new perspective. One such student is Claire Boyd, who spent a semester in Germany this past year, where she took several classes that focused specifically on the European Union, its relationship to the United States, and immigration and multiculturalism in the Western World. Claire brought back a great deal of knowledge concerning the ways in which European political institutions work on issues of migration and diversity in different contexts, and had the life-changing experience of living abroad.

Her favorite part of the program was the experiential component.

Over the course of the semester, the students travelled to nine different member states to meet with policy-makers, administrators, and related organizations. The meeting that had the most impact on Claire was one with an NGO that catered to the needs of unemployed or homeless Roma youth outside of Bucharest, Romania; getting to talk to social workers there gave her deep insight into the political funding of NGOs as a supranational institution with divergent political and social agendas. Like many of our majors, she received course credit for several of the classes taken abroad.

Political Science majors also take on key roles in the classroom. This past year Derrick Flakoll worked with Professor Hollie Mann on a course that he developed and taught through UNC's C-Start program C-START (Carolina Students Taking Academic Responsibility through Teaching).

Derrick is interested in doing graduate work after UNC, and perhaps going on to get his Ph.D. One way to explore those interests and get a feel for teaching prior to jumping into a graduate program is to teach a course like this one.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHT UNDERGRADUATES IN RESEARCH



Like many of her peers, Alexis Miller was full of smiles and laughter on Commencement Sunday here at UNC Chapel Hill. A dedicated, thoughtful and vivacious soul, Alexis is also a first generation college student, a member

of Carolina Firsts and a soon to be published academic co-author. Not one to rest on her laurels, she intends to continue her studies by pursuing a Ph.D in Political Science at the distinguished University of Virginia. As a junior Political Science major here at Carolina, Alexis found herself

drawn deeper into the major after taking Professor Frank Baumgartner's class on the death penalty. Soon after approaching him about possible research opportunities, she began working with another Political Science faculty member, Professor Andrea Benjamin, on a unique project that examines local politics in Durham, North Carolina; specifically, how the endorsement of candidates by influential political organizations influenced Durham voters. Entitled "Picking Winners: How Political Organizations Influence Local Elections," the manuscript of this project was recently accepted for publication by the Journal of Urban Affairs.

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Professor Benjamin knew that she “could always count on [Alexis] to connect ideas” and incorporate content from her other courses, both in Poli Sci and beyond. Additionally, “her willingness to point out some...blind spots with the Durham project” played a large role in the decision to add Alexis as the article’s co-author. Cognizant of the significance of this opportunity, Alexis dedicated herself to learning everything she could from Professor Benjamin and the project. In addition to her role as co-author, Alexis presented the paper on a panel at the Southern Political Science Association conference in New Orleans this past spring.

“If it weren’t for the research opportunities Professor Benjamin extended to me,” Alexis writes, “I wouldn’t have such a deep understanding of Political Science, [nor would I have] viewed pursuing a Ph.D in the field [as] an option.” Not only will the skills she acquired during the project – collecting data, coding interviews, reading charts and

writing up results – serve her well in her graduate studies, but the experience of working with a professional brought home the importance of minority representation in the field. “Having professors like Dr. Benjamin...is truly important for representation,” Alexis continues. “They have dedicated their...lives to the politics of marginalized communities [and] being able to see and interact with professors who looked like me led me to pursue a Ph.D and [realize] that what I was passionate about actually mattered.”

She urges current and future undergraduates – particularly those interested in graduate school – to speak up when it comes to research. “Most of the time professors are excited that you’re passionate about the same things they dedicate their lives to,” she reveals. “Don’t be afraid to ask about any opportunities” to do what you love. Congratulations, Alexis, on all of your achievements and we look forward to seeing what you do next!

## FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

**Frank Baumgartner** was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. See page 11 for a full story on this honor. He also won two awards for his book *The Politics of Information*. Both awards recognized the book as the best book in public administration or public policy published in 2015. The awards were from the National Academy of Public Administration and the International Public Policy Association.

**Tom Carsey** received the Southern Political Science Association Manning J. Dauer career service award and the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association career achievement award.

**Virginia Gray** won the Jewell Enduring Contribution Award from the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association for her textbook *Politics in the American States*.

**Liesbet Hooghe** and **Gary Marks** were awarded the Daniel Elazar Distinguished Federalism Scholar Award by the Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations section of the American Political Science Association.

**Michele Hoyman** was elected to the national executive board of Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) as East Coast Vice President. LERA is an association of labor and management practitioners and academics who study labor. Hoyman was also elected Membership Vice President of the American Association of University Women local branch, which includes Orange, Durham, and Chatham counties. AAUW is a national women’s educational advocacy organization which raises money for academic women pursuing Ph.Ds, law or medical degrees.

**Evelyne Huber**, **John Stephens** and Jingjing Huo, a 2006 UNC Ph.D student, were awarded the best conference paper prize by the Council for European Studies Research Network on Political Economy and Welfare Research for their paper “Politics, Markets, and Top Income Shares” presented at the International Conference of Europeanists.

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**Kevin McGuire** is taking over as the new editor of the *Journal of Law and Courts*, which is the official journal of the law and courts section of the American Political Science Association.

**Isaac Unah** was named the Chair of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Santiago Olivella, Assistant Professor



By some estimates, data produced by humans will reach an astounding 44 trillion gigabytes by 2020. When properly analyzed, a large percentage of those data can yield tremendous insight into social and political realities. As the most recent addition to the department, joining the faculty in January of this year, Santiago Olivella is working to develop new and exciting tools for taking advantage of the exponentially growing amount of data available to researchers in our field, and to train students in the application of those tools in their own research.

Professor Olivella specializes in quantitative modeling as applied to the study of electoral and legislative politics—both in the United States and from a comparative perspective. A native of Colombia, he received his Ph.D from Washington University in St. Louis in 2013, and joins the department after being a faculty member at the University of Miami and a visiting scholar at Princeton's Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science.

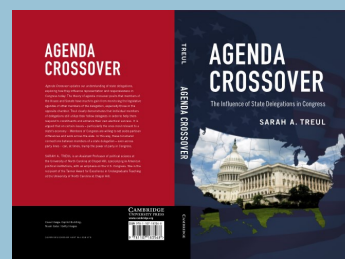
He is particularly interested in the development of statistical measurement models—that is, models that transform observed behaviors into unobserved quantities of interest, such as idea-

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# PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

**Layna Mosley** explored the links between global production and worker rights, with a focus on developing countries, in her article “Workers’ Rights in Global Value Chains: Possibilities for Protection and Peril” in the journal *New Political Economy*. Mosley discusses the conditions under which participation in global supply chains can improve outcomes for workers, as well as situations in which competitive pressures—coupled with domestic political forces—can detract from workers’ wellbeing. The article also discusses how domestic political factors, such as government ideology and the degree of democracy, mediate the effects of the global economy in low and middle income countries. In their article “Gaffe Appeal: A Field Experiment on Partisan Selective Exposure to Election Messages” published in *Political Science Research and Methods*, **Tim Ryan** and Ted Brader conducted a randomized field experiment on Facebook examining biases in what kinds of links people click on. They tested the relative appeal of candidate gaffes versus policy information, as well as partisan bias. They found evidence of both kinds of bias. People click on information that is damaging to partisan opponents, and they are especially likely to do so when it is an embarrassing misstep, as opposed to policy-related information.

**Sarah Treul** published a book titled *Agenda Crossover: The Influence of State Delegations in Congress* with Cambridge University Press. The book updates our understanding of how state delegations influence representation and responsiveness in Congress today. The theory posits that members of the House and Senate have much to gain from monitoring the legislative agendas of other members of the delegation, especially those in the opposite chamber. The book makes clear that individual members utilize their fellow delegates in order to help them respond to constituents and enhance their own electoral success. These bicameral connections between members of a state delegation can, at times, trump the power of party in Congress.



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logy — and has recently worked on using Machine Learning methods to identify potential instances of election fraud, to estimate policy preferences at low levels of demographic aggregation, and to identify unobserved communities of actors using only their observed social-network ties. He also works on developing open-source software that will enable others to use the statistical models he designs.

In conjunction with Professors Carsey and Gent, Olivella is also working to redesign the political science graduate training sequence at UNC in an effort to expose students to state-of-the-art statistical and computational techniques—including Bayesian modeling, regression trees, and natural-language processing models.

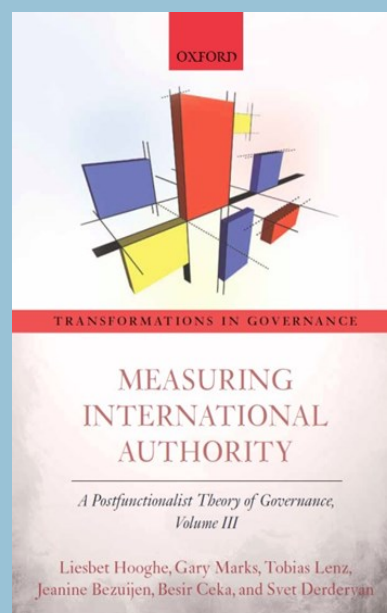
“Augmenting our students' toolbox with some of the most advanced data analysis tools in industry and academia will enable them to continue producing exceptional research,” said Professor Olivella, “and will help support the kind of research that our faculty do and that keep UNC among the top programs in the country.”

“I feel very fortunate to be a part of our department. It most definitely lives up to its reputation for conducting cutting-edge research in a truly collegial and welcoming work environment.” You can reach him at [olivella@unc.edu](mailto:olivella@unc.edu), stopping by his office in Hamilton, or at Cosmic Cantina. He’s always up for eating a mini burrito and talking Bayesian models!

Professor Olivella is also committed to maintaining the department's reputation as a top-notch program in Latin America, participating as an instructor at quantitative winter schools in Montevideo and Santiago de Chile, and helping organize the first Political Methodology (or Pol-Meth) conference in Latin America, learning from similar and successful efforts in Asia and the United States.

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**Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Tobias Lenz, Jeanine Bezuijen, Besir Ceka** (UNC Ph.D. 2013), and **Svet Derderyan** (UNC Ph.D. 2015) published the third volume of the book *Measuring International Authority: A Postfunctionalist Theory of Governance*. This book sets out a measure of authority for seventy-six major international organizations (IOs) from 1950-2010 in an effort to provide systematic comparative information on international governance. The authors model the composition of IO bodies, their roles in decision-making, the bindingness of IO decisions, and the mechanisms through which they seek to settle disputes.



**Rahsaan Maxwell** published, “Occupations, National Identity and Immigrant Integration” in *Comparative Political Studies*. Maxwell finds that occupational symbolism is important for the integration process, as immigrants are more likely to be accepted as full members of the U.S. national community when they are employed in occupations that reflect national identity. However, in France and Germany, immigrants receive no benefits from being employed in occupations that reflect national identity, suggesting that those countries may face tougher barriers to successful immigrant integration.

# Professor Frank R. Baumgartner Elected to The American Academy of Arts & Sciences



This past spring, Frank R. Baumgartner, the Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences was founded in 1780 and is one of the nation's oldest learned societies and independent research centers.

The Academy provides nonpartisan, authoritative policy advice to leaders in government, academia, and the private sector. Additionally, the Academy frequently sponsors lectures, discussions, and meetings on topics its members are researching. Professor Baumgartner will be officially inducted at a ceremony on October 7, 2017 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

When asked about the election Professor Baumgartner said, "With a political science membership that includes my UNC colleague Jim Stimson, many of my mentors in the profession, and so many others whose work I admire, it is an unexpected honor to be elected to the American Academy. And with people like John Legend and Carol Burnett being elected in the same class of fellows, the induction ceremony promises to be unlike any I've ever experienced! It is a pleasure to be recognized, and a joy to continue teaching and research as I always have."

Professor Baumgartner's work centers around the creation of the Policy Agendas Project, which makes available a treasure-trove of data on the policy processes of governments from around the world. The project started off as a United States-centered database, but has expanded to over 20 countries. Baumgartner thinks of this project as if he is building a "large infrastructure project for political scientists," and, in fact, scholars throughout the discipline routinely use the data available through the Policy Agendas Project. While elected into the Academy for a lifetime of accomplishments, Baumgartner's election provides recognition for the Agendas Project and confirmation of its value to scholars, governments, and policy advisors in the public and private sector around the world.

In addition to the Policy Agendas Project, much of Professor Baumgartner's research focuses on the fundamental question of how policy makers attempt to persuade others what to do.

Interest in this question eventually led him to explore particular policy domains, including French education policy, nuclear power in the United States, pesticides, smoking and tobacco, and the death penalty. His work on the death penalty burgeoned into its own research agenda where now much of this work focuses on race, with particular attention to the death penalty and traffic stops. His class POLI 203 Race, Innocence, and the End of the Death Penalty is one of the most popular undergraduate courses at UNC. As is evident in his commitment to open data via the Policy Agendas Project, Professor Baumgartner enjoys collaborating with others on his research projects. Since coming to UNC in 2009, he has worked with numerous graduate and undergraduate students collecting data for the Policy Agendas Project, working on the death penalty, traffic stops, and other projects.

Along with one current graduate student, Kelsey Shoub, and one former graduate student, Derek Epp, who will be beginning a tenure-track position at the University of Texas at Austin in the fall, Baumgartner is analyzing the racial profiling and the high costs, but low dividends, of diverting the traffic safety function of traffic patrols to the war on drugs. This work has already gained significant news coverage around North Carolina, and will culminate with the publication of a book tentatively titled *Eroding Trust, Policing Anger: How Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops Threaten Democratic Values*, which they submitted to Cambridge University Press last summer.

Additionally, with a number of current and former UNC undergraduate students, Professor Baumgartner recently completed a book entitled *Deadly Justice: A Statistical Portrait of the Death Penalty*. The book brings together much of his recent work on race, innocence, delays, reversals, and the geographically arbitrary nature of the death penalty in the modern (post-1976) era. Oxford University Press will publish that book in 2017, and his student co-authors will see the book used in the same course that they took just a few years ago, showing clearly how students can become involved in the research craft.

# 2017 POLITICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Each year, the department hosts an award ceremony to recognize graduate students and faculty for outstanding achievement in teaching and research.



**Anthony Chergosky**, a fourth year graduate student, received the **John Patrick Hagan Award for Outstanding Teaching**. This award is given in honor of the late John Patrick Hagan, who received his

doctorate in Political Science from UNC and was a member of the political science faculty at the University of West Virginia. The award is given to a graduate student judged to be “outstanding in the teaching of undergraduates as a graduate teaching fellow.” Anthony received high praise from the undergraduate students in his State and Local Government in the US course, who described him as enthusiastic, helpful, and passionate about political science.



**Lucia Bird**, a fourth year graduate student, received the **Earle Wallace Award for Graduate Student Teaching**. This award honors Political Science Professor Earle Wallace, who received numerous undergraduate teaching

awards during his long career at the University. The award is given to an “outstanding graduate teaching assistant who primarily serves as an assistant in large lecture sections.” Lucia served as a teaching assistant for International Relations and World Politics. Several students in her recitation section described her as one of the best teaching assistants they have had at Carolina.



The **Charles Robson Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction** was presented to **Pamela Conover**, Distinguished Professor of Political Science. Established in 1996, the Robson Award is given to a faculty member who has significantly influ-

enced the professional and intellectual development of graduate students. It honors Charles “Pat” Robson, a scholar of European politics and one of the Department’s founders.

**Devin Christensen** and **Jelle Koedam** were the recipients of the **James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research**. Established in 1987, these awards recognize research excellence among graduate students of Political Science. They also honor the legacy of Professor Prothro, who served as chair of the department and had a major impact upon the discipline’s study of public opinion, particularly on issues of race and voting behavior. Devin was recognized for his Master’s thesis, “Justifying Government Paternalism, Beyond J.S. Mill”. Jelle received the award for his paper, “A Change of Heart? Analyzing stability and chance in European party systems,” which he presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference this year.



**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

# 2017 UHLMAN SEMINAR

The Uhlman Seminar provides graduate students the opportunity to present the results of their previous summer's research projects that have been funded by the Thomas Uhlman Endowment

On February 17, 2017 the faculty, graduate students and friends of the department gathered together with Tom Uhlman to celebrate our 8th annual Uhlman Seminar. This year's celebration of research and political science inquiry came at a particularly fervid time in American political life. Coming almost immediately after the inauguration of President Trump – an outcome that few professional political scientists had foreseen – the seminar provided an opportunity for the whole community to come together to reflect on what the election had taught us and, more importantly, to ponder the future.

To get us started, we convened a panel of our faculty to examine the likely impact of the election in a number of areas. Professor Layna Mosley took on the challenge of thinking what the defeat of pro-trade Hillary Clinton was likely to mean for international commerce and markets, particularly in the context of a reemergence of skepticism toward multilateral trade regimes in Europe and elsewhere. Professor Chris Clark addressed what the election might mean for the politics of race and social movements and Professors Sarah Treul and Jason Roberts looked ahead to the new Congress, its likely legislative priorities, and President Trump's potential interaction with the legislative branch. The presentations were wide ranging and provocative, leading us into a fascinating (and at times boisterous) collective discussion of where the discipline went wrong and where the country might go.

For all of us, the discussion was a reminder of the importance of impartial research based on solid empirics. It was also a reminder of the importance of the support of Tom and the Uhlman family for the conduction of that kind of dispassionate, independent, evidence-based research in our department.

Since the Uhlman Fellowships were established, the Uhlman family has provided support to 66 individual students, disbursing more than \$300,000 in the form of summer research support and 5 year fellowships. The graduate student research presentations this year provided further evidence that this money is being invested wisely. On our American Politics panel, Kelsey Shoub presented path-breaking research on the effect of political representation on racial disparities in policing. Steven Sparks introduced his work on the effects that different primary rules can have in reducing polarization in politics, and Ryan Williams looked at the role of ideology and expertise in specialized courts – all topics with clear political and policy relevance in the US today. The same was true about our international panel. Menevis Cilizoglu presented her research on how international sanctions end – perhaps they will be reading her work in Moscow and Tehran! Dan Gustafson looked at the conditions under which non-violent demonstrations can escalate into riots, and Gabriele Magni took on the very important topic of immigration and support for welfare social safety nets in Europe.

As always, the panels took place in front of a packed house in the political science and sociology library in Hamilton Hall. In addition to being fun and interesting, the seminar also plays an important role in the professional development of our students. They receive useful comments and suggestions from the floor, and for some it is also one of their first experiences of being grilled on their feet in front of a large audience. We are happy to say that all survived unscathed and left with new ideas for taking their research further.

# COMMENCEMENT 2017

~ celebrating our graduating seniors ~



*Sunday, 14 May 2017* – Mothers all over the country were being woken by children eager to demonstrate their love. At Carolina, however, those mothers received an additional gift: a campus dressed in summer green and Carolina blue proudly welcomed the thousands of friends and family members who came to watch the graduating class of 2017 have their moment in the sun at Kenan Stadium.

Following the university-wide ceremony in the stadium, many of those guests and graduates made the leisurely stroll across campus to Memorial Hall and the Political Science department graduation ceremony. Pomp and circumstance were underpinned with happy mayhem and laughter as the graduates processed into the auditorium. Professor Evelyne Huber, department chair and Morehead Alumni Distinguished Professor set the tone with warm words of welcome to all.

Professor Huber first introduced the winners of the L. Richardson Preyer Award, named in honor of the six-term member of Congress from Greensboro, North Carolina and fast friend to the Political Science Department and the Carolina community. Typically, this annual award is given by the department faculty to the graduate with the most outstanding academic record. Such was the strength of the class of 2017, however, that Lauren Grace Kent and Katherine Anne Stotesbery were dual recipients. Both intend to put their degree to good use: Lauren will be pursuing a masters in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Kate will be taking up a position with Representative Lloyd Doggett on Capitol Hill.

In addressing her fellow graduates, Lauren encouraged her classmates to “keep learning, to keep growing, and to keep living like it’s the best years of [your lives],” while Kate emphasized the importance of “think[ing] critically and analytically about...our own biases” and having “the empathy and breadth of perspective to recognize another’s humanity.”

Both speakers retired to generous applause as Professor Huber introduced this year’s Commencement Speaker, Robert ‘Robbie’ Bach, a civic engineer with Microsoft and a life-long Tarheel.

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After graduating with a degree in Economics from UNC Chapel Hill, Bach joined Microsoft and spent the next twenty-two years in various marketing, general management and business leadership positions. As Chief Xbox Officer for Microsoft, he led the team responsible for the development of the highly popular Xbox gaming console. Following his retirement in 2010, Bach assumed the role of Civic Engineer and dedicates his time and considerable energy to encouraging the growth of creative strategies and ideas across communities. He believes that each of us has a responsibility to engage with civic issues and shared this insight with the graduates through a series of life lessons distilled from his personal experience as a student at Carolina, and a Carolina graduate in the world.

Bach's address was followed by the Department's traditional recognition of each graduate. As Associate Chair Dr. Jason Roberts called their names the students took turns crossing the stage to receive their congratulatory certificate from Professor Huber, accompanied by enthusiastic applause. Professor Jonathan Hartlyn, Senior Associate Dean for Social Sciences and Global Programs, closed the ceremony with a hearty congratulations on behalf of the College of Arts and Sciences and an invitation to join him on Memorial Hall patio for cookies and conversation.



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