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at Chapel Hill

Department
of
Political Science



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COMMENCEMENT

Political Science Department History

Welcome

**Professor Mark Crescenzi,
Nancy Hanes White Distinguished Professor & Chair**

Remarks

**Maya Isabel Schroder
L. Richardson Preyer Award Winner**

Commencement Address

**Stephanie Watkins-Cruz
Policy Analyst, Chatham County Manager's Office**

Recognition of Graduate Students

PhD Hooding

**Professor Jonathan Hartlyn
Kenneth J. Reckford Distinguished Professor
Director of Graduate Studies**

Recognition of Undergraduate Students

**Assistant Professor Susan Bickford
Associate Chair**

Closing Remarks

**Professor Mark Crescenzi,
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After many years as a combined Department of History and Political Science, in 1935 the UNC Department of Political Science was established as an independent department in the College of Arts and Sciences. Given its background, initial instruction focused on the historical development of American political institutions and upon European and Latin American politics, an uncommon combination fostered by President Frank Porter Graham, whose international vision helped “globalize” the University before that word entered the English language.

This continued in the years immediately after World War II, when the Department grew significantly alongside the growth in the student body, many members of which were beneficiaries of the G.I. bill. Included in this growth was a dramatic diversification of course offerings, eventually leading to today's five subfields – American politics, international relations, comparative politics, political theory and methodology.

While funding for the Department's development came primarily from the people of North Carolina, both as individual gifts and as appropriations from the state legislature, additional support has come from private and federal government foundations, including a very substantial “Center of Excellence Grant” from the National Institutes of Health, the National Defense Education Act, and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. These grants helped the Department to assume major leadership roles in UNC's interdisciplinary centers, including the Institute for Research in Social Science and its Social Science Statistical Laboratory, plus all of the University's area studies programs.

Today's Department seeks to build upon this history, first and foremost by providing an undergraduate education of the highest quality, fulfilling the University's charter to “prepare the rising generation for the duties of life.” This can only be achieved by fostering creative research to expand our understanding of politics, broadly defined at the local, state, national and global levels.

PhD Recipients

Christian John Caron

Dissertation:

Three Essays on the Political Determinants of Public Policy
in the U.S. States

Advisor: Frank Baumgartner

Leah Christiani

Dissertation:

He Said What?! Group Threat and Explicit Racial
Rhetoric in American Politics

Advisors: Frank Baumgartner and Timothy Ryan

John Alexander Curiel

Dissertation:

Tripartite Redistricting Cartels and Overlapping Ambition

Advisor: Jason Roberts

Claire Elizabeth Dunn

Dissertation:

Privileged Interests: Class-Based Variation in Government
Responsiveness in Brazilian States

Advisor: Evelyne Huber

Guzel Garifullina

Dissertation:

Selecting Wise Rulers? Institutional Determinants of
Political Leaders' Preferences and Behavior

Advisor: Graeme Robertson

PhD Recipients

James Cliff Keller

Dissertation:

Doing More with Less: Examining the Impact of Military
Training on Rebel Group Outcomes in Civil Wars

Advisor: Stephen Gent

David Ma

Dissertation:

Three Papers on the Political Economy of Judicial
Independence

in Dominant-Party Democracies

Advisor: Evelyne Huber

William Edgar Patton III

Dissertation:

Voter Decision-Making in Post-Reform Presidential Primaries

Advisor: Sarah Treul Roberts

Kevin Anthony Roach

Dissertation: Representing Equity

Advisor: Frank Baumgartner

Emily Marie Wager

Dissertation:

People Like Us? American Preferences for Bigger Government
in the Age of Inequality

Advisor: James Stimson

Jay Robert Williams III

Dissertation: The Geography of Secession

Advisor: Mark Crescenzi

2021-2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS

L. Richardson Preyer Award for Excellence in Political Science

Maya Isabel Schroder

This award honors a former member of the United States House of Representatives, as well as a state and federal judge. It is given to a senior judged by a committee of the faculty to have established the most distinguished record of scholarship in Political Science and service to the community.

Terry Sanford Award for Excellence

Alessandra Quattrocchi

This award is named in honor of the distinguished alumnus of the University who served as Governor and as a United States senator. It is given to the undergraduate judged to have written the best honors thesis in Political Science.

Shepard Jones Award in International Relations

Julia Wakeman

This award honors Professor Shepard Jones's thirty-three years of service to the department and the contribution he made as a teacher, scholar, and mentor of students. The award is given to an undergraduate student judged to have written the best essay in International Relations.

The departmental awards have been established by generous gifts from former students, parents, and friends. If you would like to establish an award or contribute to one currently being given, please contact the Department of Political Science.

This ceremony and reception are sponsored by a generous gift to the department from Mayne Albright, class of 1931. The Albright Fund is designed to recognize and encourage student public service.

*To our past, present, and future supporters,
Thank you!*

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