## Activities

**Mahendra Lawoti,** assistant professor, department of political science, Western Michigan University, was named president of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies.

**Bruce Peabody,** associate professor, department of political science, Fairleigh Dickinson University, was cited by U.S. Senator Arlen Specter on the floor of the Senate (January 29, 2007) for a forthcoming article examining the constitutionality of a proposed bill to televise the Supreme Court.

**Moot Court Team, Armstrong Atlantic State University,** won the 2007 American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Championship. The team's success marked a first for any undergraduate program in the University System of Georgia.

## Administrative Appointments

**Gary P. Freeman,** chairman, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

**Amy Fried,** associate dean for research, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine.

**Jeffrey Kraus,** special assistant to the provost, Wagner College.

**Robert S. Kravchuk,** professor and chair, department of political science, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

**Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan,** director, Center for Civic Engagement, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

**Keith Mueller,** associate dean for academic affairs, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Brian E. Roberts,** vice president for information technology, University of Texas at Austin.

## New Appointments

**William Hurst,** assistant professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

**James Russell Muirhead,** associate professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

**Mitchell A. Orenstein,** S. Richard Hirsch Associate Professor of European Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

**Jerry Pubantz,** professor, department of political science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**Takashi Tsukamato,** assistant professor, department of political science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**Robert Urbatsch,** assistant professor, department of political science, Iowa State University.

**Donna Lee Van Cott,** associate professor, University of Connecticut.

**Stacey P. Yadav,** assistant professor, department of political science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**Vikash Yadav,** assistant professor, department of political science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

## Visiting and Temporary Positions

**Mika Aaltola,** David and Nancy Speer Visiting Professor in Finnish Studies, department of political science, University of Minnesota.

**Mark Blasius,** guest professor, department of sociology and anthropology, University of Amsterdam, spring, 2005.

**Ronald Krebs,** Donald D. Harrington Fellow, department of government, University of Texas at Austin, 2006–2007.

**Lars Rensmann,** DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor, department of political science, University of Michigan.

**David Schultz,** Fulbright Senior Specialist in Election Law, American University of Armenia Law School, February-March, 2007.

## Promotions

**Kevin Dunn,** associate professor with tenure, department of political science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**Cedric Johnson,** associate professor with tenure, department of political science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**Gretchen Ritter,** professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

**Devin Stauffer,** associate professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

**Sean Theriault,** associate professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin.

## FOR THE RECORD



**Lyn Ragsdale,** former head, department of political science, University of Illinois at Chicago, was named the new dean of the School of Social Sciences at Rice University in August, 2006. She is the first woman to hold the position. Additionally, she was named the Radoslav Tsanoff Professor of Public Affairs in the department of political science.

Ragsdale began her academic career at the University of Arizona, where she remained for 19 years. There, she gained tenure and directed the University's Survey Research Center for three years. From Arizona, Ragsdale moved to the University of Illinois at Chicago to head the department of political science. Among her many achievements there, she worked to establish a master's degree in global affairs and a fellowship to provide funds for students' professional development.

Ragsdale has been an active member of the American Political Science Association. She participated in the Association's Congressional Fellowship Program and was named William A. Steiger Fellow (best fellow of the year) for 1990–1991. Additionally, she has served as president of the Western Political Science Association and editor of *Political Research Quarterly.*

Her research interests include the presidency, electoral behavior, and Congress. Her books include: *The Elusive Executive: Discovering Statistical Patterns in the Presidency; Presidential Politics;* and *Vital Statistics on the Presidency: Washington to Clinton.*

## Awards

**Clifford Bob,** associate professor, department of political science, Duquesne University, won the 2006 International Studies Best Book Award for *The Marketing of Rebellion: Insurgents, Media, and International Activism*, which was also named a "Top Book of 2006" by *The Globalist.*



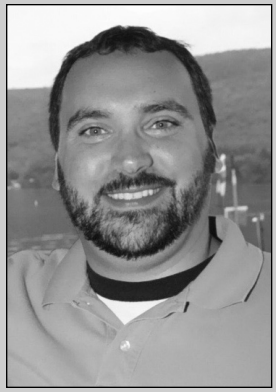
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**John A. Clark,** professor, department of political science, Western Michigan University, received the 2006–2007 Faculty Achievement Award for Research and Creative Activity from the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

**Kathleen Collins,** assistant professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, has been awarded the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, an all-university award.

**Joshua Foa Dienstag,** professor, department of political science, University of California, Los Angeles, received the 2006 PSP Award for Excellence in Philosophy from the American Association of Publishers for his book, *Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit*.

**Songying Fang,** assistant professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, has been awarded the Princeton Center for Globalization and Governance Fellowship for 2007–2008.



**Paul M. Collins, Jr.,** assistant professor, department of political science, University of Houston, received the Council of Graduate Schools/ University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award for his dissertation, "Friends of the Supreme Court: Examining the Influence of Interest Groups in the U.S. Supreme Court, 1946–2001." The award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the social sciences, both methodologically and substantively. The multidisciplinary selection panel reviewed dissertations completed between July 2004 and June 2006 from across the social sciences. Collins completed his dissertation at Binghamton University (SUNY). He has also received a number of other honors, including two Congressional Quarterly Press Awards from APSA's Law and Courts section for the best papers written by a graduate student.



**Paula D. McClain,** professor, department of political science, Duke University, was elected chair of the University's faculty council. McClain will become the first African American to head the council when she takes office in July. At Duke—where she has been on faculty since 2000—she is co-director of the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Social Sciences and co-convener of the Duke University Black Faculty Caucus. McClain has been extremely active in APSA governance, serving on several committees and as a vice president of the Association in 1993–1994. She also directs the Association's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, a summer program which provides mentoring and academic opportunities for minority undergraduate students hoping to begin graduate studies in political science. McClain is also a past president of the Southern Political Science Association and of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. She earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Howard University. Her most recent book is *"Can We All Get Along?" Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics*, published in 2006 by Westview Press.



**Karen O'Conner,** professor and director, Women and Politics Institute, School of Public Affairs, American University, was named the Jonathan N. Helfat Distinguished Professor of Political Science. She holds the school's first endowed professorship. She is also 2007 Professor of the Year for the University Honors Department and was A.U.'s Scholar-Teacher of the Year in 2003. O'Conner currently serves as president of APSA's Women and Politics section and is a past president of the Women's Caucus for Political Science, the Southern Political Science Association, and the National Capitol Area Political Science Association. She recently received the biennial Southern Political Science Association Manning J. Dauer, Jr. Award for exceptional service to the profession. Among the many books she has written, co-authored, or edited are *Gendering American Politics: Perspectives from the Literature*; *Women and Congress: Running, Winning and Ruling*; and the most widely used college American government textbook in the country, *American Government: Continuity and Change*, 9th ed. (with Larry Sabato).



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# In the News . . .







**Ross Baker** (Rutgers University) assesses the implications of timing for a possible presidential bid announcement by Sen. Chuck Hagel.—*Omaha World Herald*, March 11

**Charles W. Gossett** (California State Polytechnic University-Pomona) explains the growing public support for gay marriage in California.—McClatchy Newspapers, March 8

**Ken Bickers** (University of Colorado) discusses the battle between fiscal and social conservatives in the Colorado GOP.—TheHill.com, March 5

**Matthew Wilson** (Southern Methodist University) comments on constituency-building in the Dallas mayoral race.—*Dallas Morning News*, March 4

**George Edwards** (Texas A&M University) examines the development of the "permanent campaign" cycle.—*Star Tribune* (Minneapolis-St. Paul), March 3

**Bruce Ransom** (Clemson University) cautions against assuming high attendance at Democratic rallies in South Carolina will translate into votes on Election Day.—*Politico*, February 27

**Wenran Jiang** (University of Alberta) analyzes Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao's comments rejecting Chinese liberal intellectuals' calls for democratic reforms.—*Knoxville News Sentinel*, February 27

**David T. Canon** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) discusses trends in congressional demographics.—CQPolitics.com, February 26

**Mark A. Peterson** (University of California-Los Angeles) comments on the liability of too much Washington experience for American presidential hopefuls.—*Los Angeles Times*, February 25

**Susan MacManus** (University of South Florida) compares Florida's proposed tax reform package to California's Proposition 13.—*Sarasota Harold Tribune*, February 25

**Christopher Gelpi** (Duke University) discusses Iraqi death tolls and American public opinion of the war.—Associated Press, February 24

**Robert Young** (University of Western Ontario) discusses the dynamics of second generation politicians.—*Ottawa Citizen*, February 23

**Robert McClure** (Maxwell School, Syracuse University) warns New Yorkers that they will see less of their junior senator while she campaigns for president.—*Elmira Star-Gazette*, February 19

**Brigid Harrison** (Montclair State University) assesses the political future of U.S. Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey.—Gannett News Service, February 19

**Jack Pitney** (Claremont McKenna College) emphasizes the political transparency of California state legislators' efforts to extend term limits.—MediaNews Group, February 18

**Bill Moore** (College of Charleston) comments on the Bill Clinton factor in Senator Hillary Clinton's bid for the presidency.—Associated Press, February 17

**Bruce D. Merrill** (Arizona State University) discusses Senator John McCain's tough relationship with the GOP right.—*New York Times*, February 16

**Craig Wilson** (Montana State University-Billings) discusses the evolution of global warming from a "tree-hugger greenie" issue to a mainstream political issue.—*Billings Gazette*, February 5

**Thomas E. Mann** (Brookings Institution) and **Robert E. Denton, Jr.** (Virginia Tech) discuss Senator Jim Webb's success in his rebuttal of President Bush's State of the Union Address.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*, January 25

**David Rohde** (Duke University) comments on the political attraction to Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, a successful Democrat in a Republican state.—Associated Press, January 25

**Michael Genovese** (Loyola Marymount University) compares the messages of cooperative politics articulated by some presidential candidates today to the unity message of late President Gerald Ford.—*Chicago Tribune*, December 28

**Kathleen Hall Jamieson** (University of Pennsylvania) elucidates the strategic redefining of the Democratic party involved in Nancy Pelosi's planned swearing-in celebrations.—*Washington Post*, December 22

**Toby Dodge** (Queen Mary College, University of London) and **Greg Gause** (University of Vermont) discuss balance-of-power politics shaping up in the Middle East.—*Christian Science Monitor*, December 22

**Richard Eichenberg** (Tufts University) discusses American public opinion of the Iraq War.—*USA Today*, December 12

**Larry Hufford** (St. Mary's University-San Antonio) and **Andy Hernandez** (University of Texas-San Antonio) predict voter turnout in the runoff election in Texas' 23rd Congressional District to be low and high, respectively.—*Los Angeles Times*, December 11

**Ed Renwick** (Loyola University) and **Susan Howell** (University of New Orleans) comment on Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee's influence on the reelection of U.S. Rep. William Jefferson.—Associated Press, December 10



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# Booklist: Upcoming Publications in the Political Science Discipline

This section lists upcoming book publications across the broad field of political science. This list is fully reader-generated. If your first-edition book is scheduled for publication in the three months before publication of the next issue of *PS* (i.e., if it will be published in the April, May, or June months that lay between publication of *PS*'s April and July issues), enter the details of publication in the box found at *PS*'s web site: www.apsanet.org/section_223.cfm. We hope that spreading word of upcoming work will help keep our members even more attune to new scholarship within the discipline.

*A Liberal Tool Kit: Progressive Responses to Conservative Arguments*
David Coates
Greenwood Publishing Group/Praeger

*Business and the State in Southern Africa: The Politics of Economic Reform*
Scott D. Taylor
Lynne Rienner Publishers

*Chinese Cyber Nationalism: Evolution, Characteristics, and Implications*
Xu Wu
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers-Lexington Books

*Democracy and Elections in Africa*
Staffan I. Lindberg
Johns Hopkins University Press

*Dewey's Dream: Universities and Democracies in an Age of Education Reform*
Lee Benson, Ira Harkavy and John Puckett
Temple University Press

*The Euro before the EU? An Estimate of the Economic Effects of the Euroization in the Western Balkans*
Altin Ilirjani
ALPSA/Globic

*Every Vote Counts: The Role of Elections in Building Democracy*
Edited by Richard W. Soudriette and Juliana Geran Pilon; Foreword by Lech Walesa
University Press of America

*Gender and Justice in Multicultural Liberal States*
Monique Deveaux
Oxford University Press

*The Government and Politics of New York State, 2nd ed.*
Joseph F. Zimmerman
State University of New York Press

*Haile Selassie, Western Education and Political Revolution in Ethiopia*
Paulos Milkias
Cambria Press

*In Defense of Human Rights: A Non-Religious Grounding in a Pluralistic World*
Ari Kohen
Routledge

*Justice, Gender, and the Politics of Multiculturalism*
Sarah Song
Cambridge University Press

*Mandates, Parties, and Voters: How Elections Shape the Future*
James H. Fowler and Oleg Smirnov
Temple University Press

*Mediating the Vote: The Changing Media Landscape in U.S. Presidential Campaigns*
Michael Pfau, J. Brian Houston, and Shane M. Semmler
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

*Modeling and Interpreting Interactive Hypotheses in Regression Analyses*
Robert J. Franzese, Jr. and Cindy D. Kam
University of Michigan Press

*The Origins of Capitalism and the "Rise of the West"*
Eric H. Mielants
Temple University Press

*Policy Issues Affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families*
Sean Cahill and Sarah Tobias
University of Michigan Press

*Post-Communist Economies and Western Trade Discrimination: Are NMEs our Enemies?*
Cynthia M. Horne
Palgrave Macmillan

*Sexual Justice/Cultural Justice: Critical Perspectives in Political Theory and Practice*
Edited by Barbara Arneil, Avigail Eisenberg, Monique Deveaux, and Rita Dhamoon
Routledge

*The Silence of Congress: State Taxation of Interstate Commerce*
Joseph F. Zimmerman
University of New York Press

*Social Security: History and Politics from the New Deal to the Privatization Debate*
Daniel Béland
University Press of Kansas

*Terror: How Israel Has Coped and What America Can Learn*
Leonard A. Cole
Indiana University Press

*Thomas Jefferson and Executive Power*
Jeremy D. Bailey
Cambridge University Press

*Trial Courts as Organizations*
Brian J. Ostrom, Charles W. Ostrom, Jr., Roger A. Hanson, and Matthew Kleiman
Temple University Press

*Why America is Such a Hard Sell: Beyond Pride and Prejudice*
Juliana Geran Pilon
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers



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