Activities

John C. Kuzenski, associate professor, department of political science, North Carolina Central University, appointed initial general counsel for Pi Sigma Alpha.

Hindy Lauer Schachter, professor, school of management, New Jersey Institute of Technology, is scheduled to become book review editor for *Public Administration Review* in January 2009.

Administrative Appointments

J. Michael Bitzer, dean of admissions, Catawba College.

William E. Scheuerman, president, National Labor College.

Guy Whitten, director, European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University.

New Appointments

Amit Ahuja, assistant professor, department of political science, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Michael E. Aleprete, Jr., assistant professor, department of political science, Westminster College.

A.J. Barghothi, assistant professor, department of political science, University of Wyoming.

Colin Elman, associate professor, department of political science, Syracuse University.

Miriam Elman, associate professor, department of political science, Syracuse University.

Andrew Garner, assistant professor, department of political science, University of Wyoming.

Thor N. Hogan, assistant professor, department of politics, Earlham College.

Seth Jolly, assistant professor, department of political science, Syracuse University.

Jennifer C. Seely, assistant professor, department of politics, Earlham College.

Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, assistant professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota.

Promotions

J. Michael Bitzer, associate professor with tenure, departments of political science and history, Catawba College.

Alexander Cooley, associate professor with tenure, political science department, Barnard College, Columbia University.

Victoria A. Farrar-Myers, full professor, department of political science, University of Texas at Arlington.

Daniel Edward Young, associate professor (tenured), department of political science, Northwestern College (Iowa).

Awards

Stephanie B. Anderson, assistant professor, department of political science, University of Wyoming, was honored for Extraordinary Merit in Teaching by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Elizabeth Beaumont, assistant professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, has been named the 2008 McKnight Land-Grant Professor. This is a competitive all-university award.

J. Michael Bitzer, associate professor, departments of political science and history, Catawba College, received the Ken Clapp Tri-Delta Award, recognizing a member of the faculty or staff who demonstrates dedication, devotion, and dependability.

Robert F. Durant, professor, department of public administration and policy, American University, was awarded the 2007 Leslie A. Whittington Award for Teaching Excellence from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

John R. Freeman, Distinguished McKnight Professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, has received the Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education Award at the University of Minnesota.

Robert Kvavik, associate vice president for planning and professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, received the First Knight of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit by King Harald V of Norway for his research on Norway and for promoting university collaboration and student and faculty exchanges between the United States and Norway.

FOR THE RECORD



Darrell M. West, Brown University, has been appointed vice president and director of governance studies at the Brookings Institution. West, who has provided polling data, analysis, and commentary on politics in Rhode Island and the nation over the past 26 years, joined the Washington, D.C., think tank on July 1. He is leaving his positions as director of Brown's Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions and director of the John Hazen White Sr. Public Opinion Laboratory.

During his eight years as director, the Taubman Center's budget increased from $400,000 to $1.5 million, and West raised about $10 million in endowment funds. Also, West is the author of 15 books on American politics, elections, mass media, and technology. His books include *Patrick Kennedy: The Rise to Power*; *Celebrity Politics* and *Digital Government: Technology and Public Sector Performance*.

"I really love Brown and Rhode Island, so it's very difficult to leave," West said. "But Brookings is the premier think tank in America, and being in Washington, you are right in the middle of the whole national political dialogue."

He noted, "Governance studies has about 30 scholars who study the whole gamut of Congress, the presidency, courts, elections, education policy and health care, so my job is to help focus people's efforts on those areas and how to make the political system work better."

"We are incredibly pleased that Darrell will be back at Brookings after a wonderful career at Brown University," Brookings President Strobe Talbott said in a statement. "Darrell's track record in building the Taubman Center covers the full range of challenges facing American politics. He is the perfect person to build upon Pietro Nivola's legacy of making Brookings the go-to place for strengthening America's democratic institutions."

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Kathryn Pearson, assistant professor, department of political science, has received a Congressional Research Award from the Dirksen Congressional Center.

Erik Rankin, undergraduate advisor, department of politics and government, Illinois State University, received Pi Sigma Alpha Excellence in Teaching Award. The award was voted on by political science students.

Jeffrey Robb, associate professor of government, Texas Woman's University, received the Distinction in Service Award. This award is given for outstanding service contributions to the university.

Robert A. Schuhmann, associate professor, department of political science, University of Wyoming, received the university's Seibold Professorship for 2008–2009. Awarded to a faculty member with a demonstrated commitment to teaching, the Seibold Professorship provides the recipient with the opportunity for a year's leave to pursue study or develop a project that benefits some aspect of their professional lives and enhances their teaching.

Kathryn Sikkink, Regents' Professor, department of political science, University of Minnesota, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to continue research during the 2008–09 academic year.

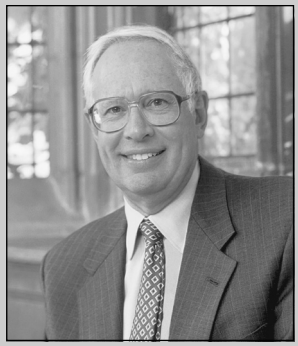
Rein Taagepera, research professor and professor emeritus, department of political science, University of California at Irvine and Tartu University in Estonia, received the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science for 2008 for "his profound analysis of the function of electoral systems in representative democracy." The Skytte Prize was established in 1994 and consists of an award of $50,000, the prize is one of the largest and most prestigious in political science.

Ashutosh Varshney, professor, department of political science, University of Michigan, was selected for the Guggenheim Fellow in 2008.

T. Alissa Warters, assistant professor, department of political science, Francis Marion University, was presented the Award for Excellence in Service.

Retirements

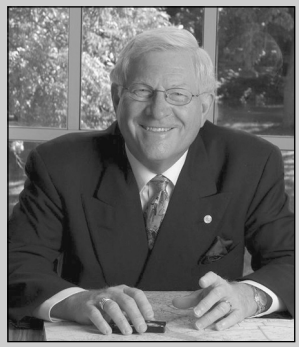
Clarke E. Cochran, professor, department of political science, Texas Tech University.



Henry S. Bienen, president, Northwestern University, who has led the University to increased academic prominence, financial strength, and athletic success, plans to retire from his position effective August 31, 2009. Bienen, 68, was elected the fifteenth president of Northwestern on June 13, 1994, and took office on January 1, 1995. During his tenure, Northwestern faculty and students received numerous academic awards, the endowment quintupled, applications for admission skyrocketed, and the university's reputation grew both nationally and internationally.



Lisa Anderson, professor, Columbia University was appointed the next provost of the American University in Cairo (AUC). Anderson, a specialist on politics in the Middle East and North Africa, succeeds Dr. Earl Sullivan. As AUC's chief academic officer, Anderson will be responsible for shaping and implementing AUC's academic vision and continuing to build the size and quality of its faculty. The region's premier liberal arts institution, AUC enrolls more than 5,000 students and has a full time faculty of 400. The university will be moving to a new $400 million campus this year. Anderson is currently the James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations at Columbia and is the former dean of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia.



Jim Alexander, professor emeritus, Texas Woman's University, received the Cornaro Award, the highest honor bestowed by the university. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding commitment to teaching, scholarship, and the advancement of learning, and is named in honor of Elena Lucrezia Cornaro de la Piscopia, the first woman to receive a doctoral degree (University of Padua, 1678). Alexander served on the faculty of Texas Woman's University for 27 years, teaching courses on constitutional law, civil rights, and civil liberties. For 23 of those years, he served as chair of the department of history and government, bringing with him his gift for good-natured leadership and his instincts for justice and integrity. He continues to serve as project director for the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.



Ashutosh Varshney, professor, University of Michigan, was selected as a Guggenheim Fellow and a Carnegie Scholar for 2008. His research and teaching cover ethnicity and nationalism, political economy of development, and South Asian politics and political economy. He is the author of *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India*. "The Carnegie Corporation of New York is among the leading Western institutions promoting research on Islam and Muslims," Varshney said. "I am glad to have their recognition that my book will deepen the understanding of Muslim communities in different parts of the world." Varshney is one of 20 individuals chosen this year for the two-year Carnegie scholarship. For the Guggenheim, 190 fellows were selected from as many as 2,600 applicants.

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