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SPOTLIGHT

Bennett Named USI President



The University of Southern Indiana has named **Linda Bennett** as its next president. Bennett has served as the university's provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2003. Before joining USI, Bennett served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Appalachian State University. Since coming to USI, Bennett has led initiatives focused on enrollment and retention management, outreach and engagement, faculty development, the retention of intellectual capital, accreditation renewal, and long-range planning. In addition to serving as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, she is a professor of political science. She has more than 25 years of experience in teaching, USI's primary focus, and throughout her career as an administrator has recognized the importance of an outstanding faculty to a teaching institution with initiatives to enhance faculty recruitment and retention, scholarship, and engagement.



Kate Langdon Forhan has been selected as University of Southern Maine's next provost and vice president for academic affairs. Forhan, formerly dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Northeastern Illinois University, will serve as USM's chief academic officer, responsible for overseeing the university's eight schools and colleges. Prior to joining NEIU in 2002, Forhan served as a faculty member in political science at Siena College for 17 years, and directed the Siena Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies. APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha presented Forhan with an Outstanding Teaching Award in 2001.

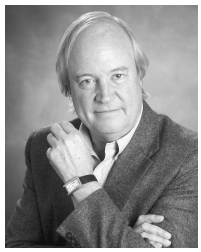
Harry Harding has been selected as the founding dean of the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, beginning July 1, 2009. Harding currently serves as a university professor of international affairs at the George Washington University. Prior to becoming one of eight university professors at GW, Harding was director of Research and Analysis for the Eurasia Group. Before that, he served for 10 years as dean and professor of international affairs and political science at GW. As dean of the Elliott School, Harding increased student enrollment and the number of full-time faculty, created three new masters programs, established new research centers, and raised over $19 million in outside gifts, grants, and sponsored research.



Katy J. Harriger, professor and chair of political science, Wake Forest University, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the National Issues Forums Institute, which promotes public deliberation in the United States. Harriger is the editor of *Separation of Powers: Commentary and Documents*, and the author of *The Special Prosecutor in American Politics*. At Wake Forest, Harriger has received the Reid Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching (1988), the John Reinhardt Distinguished Teaching Award (2002), and the Schoonmaker Award for Community Service (2006).



Jorge Heine, until recently Chile's ambassador to India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, has been appointed to the chair in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and as a distinguished fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, Ontario. He also serves as vice president of the International Political Science Association, which will hold the next World Congress of Political Science in his native Santiago. He recently visited China , where he gave guest lectures at Fudan University and at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.



Richard Rose, director, Centre for the Study of Public Policy, University of Aberdeen, has been recognized by the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems project for his lifetime achievement in the field of electoral studies. Beginning with a workshop organized by the Democracy, Citizens and Elections Research Network at the University of Manchester, Rose along with CSES and Manchester colleagues presented ongoing research on electoral behavior in Europe, the UK, and internationally. He was a co-founder of the European Consortium for Political Research, and was secretary of the Committee on Political Sociology of the International Political Science Association. He co-founded the British Politics Group, the largest organized section of APSA, and remained on the Executive Committee for 22 years. ■



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ACTIVITIES

Zoltan Barany, professor, department of government, The University of Texas at Austin, has been reappointed by the Hoover Institution as a 2008–09 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and the Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow.

Michael Leo Owens, assistant professor, department of political science, Emory University, was elected to the Governing Board of the Urban Affairs Association. He also joined the Editorial Review Board of the *Urban Affairs Review*.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Richard Feiock, Augustus B. Turnbull Professor, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University, has been named director of the university's newly established Sustainable Energy & Governance Center.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Romand Coles, McAllister Chair, Community, Culture and Environment, Northern Arizona University.

Martha H. Good, assistant professor, department of political science, Miami University (Hamilton).

Mary Guy, professor, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado, Denver; formerly Florida State University.

Matthew L. Jacobsmeier, assistant professor, University of New Orleans.

Daniel C. Lewis, assistant professor, University of New Orleans.

Anthony M. Messina, John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science, Trinity College (CT).

Michael Sharpe, assistant professor of political science, department of behavioral science, York College of the City University of New York.

Salmon A. Shomade, assistant professor, University of New Orleans.

Elizabeth A. Stein, assistant professor, department of political science, University of New Orleans.

VISITING AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS

Mark Blasius, professor emeritus of political science, City University of New York, received a Fulbright Senior Specialist award to serve as visiting professor in the Center for International Studies of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, during the second semester, 2007–08. With his colleagues there he developed and taught the component of a new global studies program about the politics of gender and sexuality.

PROMOTIONS

Nicole E. Mellow, associate professor, department of political science, Williams College.

AWARDS

Richard J. Ellis, Hatfield Professor of Politics, Willamette University, was named the 2008 Oregon Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Tugba Kalafatoglu was named an Outstanding Young Person of Turkey in the political, legal, and/or governmental affairs category through the Outstanding Young Persons of the World program, sponsored by the Junior Chamber International.

J. Patrice McSherry, professor, department of political science, director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Long Island University in Brooklyn, was selected to receive the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award by the political science faculty of The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. She delivers an address at the awards ceremony at CUNY in May.

Willem Maas, associate professor, department of political science, Glendon College, York University, was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration by the European Commission.

Robert Moser, associate professor, department of government, The University of Texas at Austin, was awarded the 2008 Harry Ransom Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Daron Shaw, professor, department of government, The University of Texas at Austin, has been named recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award.

Diego von Vacano, assistant professor, department of political science, Texas A&M University, was awarded a fellowship as a member of the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ, during 2008–09. During the academic year 2009–2010, he will be a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

RETIREMENTS

David S. Mason, professor, department of political science, Butler University, has retired after 33 years there.

IN THE NEWS

Bruce Altschuler, professor, department of political science, SUNY Oswego, CKNX-AM (Wingham, Ontario), CKWR-FM (Waterloo, Ontario), KXYL (Brownwood, Texas), and KRCN (Denver, Colorado), about how George W. Bush ranks compared to other presidents.

Brigid Harrison, professor, department of political science and law, Montclair State University, NJ.com, about the New Jersey governor's tax proposals.

Keiko Hirata, assistant professor, department of political science, California State University Northridge, Los Angeles Times, on Japanese people protesting their country's whaling policies.

Megan Mullin, assistant professor, department of political science, Temple University, *Milwuakee Journal Sentinel*, on the results of the stimulus bill affecting the 2010 elections.

Steven Reed, Chuo University in Tokyo, Washington Post, on a fundraising scandal involving Japan's Democratic Party leader Ichiro Ozawa.

Gary Schaub, New York Times, assistant professor, Air War College, wrote the op-ed "Really Soft Power" on the State Department and Defense Department.

Kenneth Scheve, professor, department of political science, Yale University, NPR's All Things Considered, on Americans' growing skepticism of free trade.

Wendy Schiller, associate professor, department of political science, Brown University, McClatchy Newspapers, on how John Edwards can remain relevant.

Nelson Wikstrom, professor, government and public affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Times-Dispatch, on the impact of the failed merger of Virginia cities Richmond and Henrico in 1961. ■

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