Every academic year is a time of transition for a university with students graduating and new students arriving. This past year, though, was a major transition year for the Department of Political Science. Dr. Richard Kearney, our chair for the past eight years, stepped down from his position. After announcing his retirement as department chair last fall, Rick took a position as the founding director of the new School of Public and International Affairs at NCSU. This is a very good opportunity for him. He has our profound thanks, and we wish him well in this endeavor. Our search for a new department chair netted two good candidates, but in the end they chose not to leave their current institutions. It is very difficult to recruit senior faculty with families and established connections to a new institution. We have renewed the search and hope to have candidates on campus probably soon after the start of the spring term.

In addition to Dr. Kearney’s leaving us, the department experienced two retirements as well as the hiring of six new faculty members. After teaching with us for thirty-nine years, Dr. Tinsley E. Yarbrough, retired. Dr. Maurice Simon also formally went on phased retirement, which means he will continue to teach on a part-time basis for the next three years before fully retiring. As I noted, the department also hired six new wonderful faculty members who promise to make major contributions to our classroom and scholarly efforts. Each of them is profiled in the newsletter. We also lost several faculty members to new opportunities, and these individuals are also noted below.

This coming year will continue to be a year of more transitions. In addition to the chair’s search, we are seeking to fill two additional faculty positions in the areas of international studies and security studies. It is my responsibility and pleasure to serve as interim chair during this academic year. After returning to the department last year after twelve years of administrative work elsewhere in the university, I found that I very much enjoyed returning to teaching and having interaction with the students. I was also greatly impressed with the quality of the new faculty the department has hired since I left in 1993. It is a genuine privilege to work with such a dedicated and talented faculty. You too can be proud of them.
Professor Tinsley Yarbrough Retires

As was noted in last year’s newsletter, Dr. Tinsley E. Yarbrough formally retired this past August. Dr. Yarbrough has been an outstanding member of the department for thirty-nine years. During that time he advanced steadily through the various faculty ranks, served as department chair, and even did a two-year stint as interim vice chancellor of academic affairs. He was also a regular participant in the shared governance processes of the university, serving on numerous Faculty Senate committees and in the Faculty Senate itself.

Most notably, though, to our students and alumni, Dr. Yarbrough was a consummate classroom instructor and scholar. He was tough, but he was good. He knew his material and he conveyed both his enthusiasm for it to the students as well as his concern for their learning. Hundreds of students over the years have gone on to law school and graduate school much better prepared as a result of his teaching.

His scholarly output over the years has been staggering, and he is recognized as one of the premier analysts of justices of the Supreme Court in the nation. His work has often exhibited his lifelong interest in the civil rights of American citizens. He has written on Justices William Rehnquist, Hugo Black, David Souter, John Harlan, John Marshall Harlan, and now Harry Blackmun. His latest book on Blackmun was completed over the summer and is now with his publisher, Oxford University Press. He also wrote on Judge Frank Johnson and Waties Waring. In each instance, he not only wrote a judicial biography of the judge, but set the discussion in terms of the major issues confronting the court and country at that time.

His career, accomplishments, and his friendship were celebrated by the department and the university community at a reception on April 21. The reception was attended by his faculty colleagues from the department and the university, many former students (including one who drove from Ohio to be there), the senior administration of the university, and members of the community. In addition, his wife, Mary Alice, along with their children and grandchildren were present. Dr. Yarbrough is continuing to be active. His latest judicial book is with his publisher and he is working on a book related to his hobby, B western movie locations. For some strange reason, he seems to be very happy.
Great Decisions 2006

The third iteration of Great Decisions will take place Saturday mornings, January 20–March 10, from 10:00 a.m.–noon in Rivers West Auditorium. This program is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and run by the World Affairs Council of Eastern NC, in partnership with ECU. Dr. Rick Kilroy hosts the program each Saturday morning. Students from his POLS 3144, American Foreign Policy class help run this community outreach event as a service learning project. Speakers are currently being coordinated to speak on this year’s topics, which include the Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia, and Children’s Issues. For more information on the upcoming program, visit the Web site at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/great_decisions.cfm.

The World Affairs Council

The department continues to support the work of the World Affairs Council of Eastern NC, which was officially incorporated in January 2006. Dr. Rick Kilroy serves as the president of the Board of Directors and is actively involved in supporting WAC programs to bring speakers to campus and the community on topics of interest to the department. This year, the WAC has sponsored a presentation by, Dr. Evaline van der Steen, Rivers chair, on the Israel-Palestinian conflict, a panel presentation on international health with Dr. Joseph Zanga in the Brody School of Medicine, and a presentation of the Future Jihad and the War on Terrorism by internationally known speaker Dr. Walid Phares of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. The WAC also sponsored the Academic World Quest competition at this year’s High School Model UN Conference. A corporate sponsor, The East Group, has already donated $500 to help send the winning high school team from our region to the national competition in March 2007 Washington, D.C., sponsored by the World Affairs Councils of America. The WAC will also run this year’s Great Decisions program. For information on joining the WAC or participating in further events, visit the Web site at http://www.worldaffairsnc.org.

Security Studies Program

Our enrollments in both the graduate certificate and undergraduate minor continue to grow as we enter our second year offering these programs. The certificate has approximately thirty students and the undergraduate minor is at seventeen making it the third-largest interdisciplinary program currently offered in the college. We will graduate our first minors this spring. We are also reworking the proposal for a master’s degree in security studies this fall and hope to make progress this next year. In the interim, we have expanded our partnership with current masters programs and now offer the certificate as an area of concentration in the master’s in public administration, master of arts in international studies, master of science in criminal justice, and most recently the master’s in business administration. We also have cooperative agreements with the master’s in public health and master of science in environmental health. In November 2006, the ECU security studies program and Center for Natural Hazards Research and the University of Texas San Antonio’s Institute for the Protection of American Communities partnered with the Department of Defense’s U.S. Northern Command to cohost a conference in San Antonio, Texas, titled, “Preparing for and Responding to Disasters in North America.” Participants came from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, representing the military, government, and academic. Dr. Jalil Roshandel and Dr. Rick Kilroy represented ECU’s political science department at this conference. For more information on ECU’s security studies program, visit the Web site at http://www.ecu.edu/security studies.
Model UN Activities

UN Day, October 24

On Tuesday, October 24, the Model UN Club celebrated UN Day with a panel discussion on “Challenges to Nonproliferation: Iran, North Korea, and the United Nations,” by Dr. Jalil Roshandel (director, security studies), Dr. Nancy Spalding (associate professor, Department of Political Science), and Dr. John Tucker (director, Asian studies). For interested students and faculty, it was a great opportunity to engage in a general debate on the topic with the speakers.

Plans Being Finalized for the Fall 2006 High School Conference

Preparations for the Ninth Annual East Carolina University High School Model United Nations Conference are in place. The conference is scheduled for November 17–18, 2006. Invitations and delegates’ guides have been sent to the regional high schools. The Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations. Students assume the roles of ambassadors or delegates to the United Nations and debate the current issues on the UN’s agenda. Through diplomacy and negotiation, Model UN students seek out solutions to complex global concerns such as international security, global terrorism, economic development, UN reform, disarmament, and human rights. The conference also includes Academic World Quest, a trivia game of world events, where schools compete against each other. The highest-placing team from eastern North Carolina receives an invitation to represent the region and participate in the national competition. The Greenville law firm of Ward and Smith is sponsoring this year’s competition and offering a $500 stipend to help defray the cost of team travel to Washington. Ward and Smith also made a generous donation to the Academic World Quest portion of the Model United Nations High School Conference, which will sponsor this year’s winning team, representing eastern North Carolina, to the National Academic World Quest competition in Washington, D.C. Last year’s conference was a big success with twenty high schools and over 230 students participating. For more information on MUN, contact Dr. Anjali Sahay at sahaya@ecu.edu; for more information on Academic World Quest, contact Rick Kilroy at Kilroyr@ecu.edu.

ECU Students Attend Columbia Model United Nations Conference in New York

ECU’s Model United Nations Club officers attended the Columbia University Model United Nations Conference in New York. The CMUNNY is Columbia University’s first intercollegiate Model United Nations Conference. The inaugural conference was held October 19–22, 2006, at Columbia University’s campus in New York City. The conference offers students the opportunity to join a diverse selection of committees ranging from independent international bodies, such as the European Council, to UN-based committees such as the Historical Security Council. These committees foster intense political debate while creating a fun environment and accommodating for a variety of delegates. East Carolina’s attendees were Elizabeth Kristian Lauten (president of the MUN club), Matthew Stephenson (vice president of the MUN club), Preston James Stanford (secretary of the MUN club) and Shawn Patrick Salzler (treasurer of the MUN club).

ECU Students Do Well At Seventeenth Annual Carolinas Conference

The Seventeenth Annual Carolinas Conference hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte proved to be a big success for the ECU Model United Nations team, who attended the conference from October 28–29, 2006. The conference trains college students in how to work together as delegates from member countries in a mock simulation of the United Nations. This year’s conference included the General Assembly (GA), International Atomic Energy Association Board of Governor (IAEA), and the Security Council (SC). Dr. Sahay, the ECU MUN club advisor and political science professor of POLS 3013 (Decision making in the United Nations), attended the conference along with seventeen students, all of whom proudly and honorably represented ECU. They were: Courtney Felker, Joshua Thomas, John Markey, Virginia Gonzalez, Allison Korycki, Maura Ryan, Sanchez Jarvis, Alan Jefferies, Danielle Lainez, and Mary Roberts (GA delegates); Jan Zarski, Preston Stanford, Jesse Pence, and Liz Lauten (IAEA delegates); Dina Patel, Matthew Stephenson, and Andrew Scott (SC delegates). A number of ECU students won awards at the conference:

1. The Most Distinguished Delegate (second in order of ranking) to the group representing Japan in all three committees (IAEA, GA, and SC) to Stanford Preston, Alison Korycki, Maura Ryan, and Matthew Herrmann.
2. Honorable Mention (third in order of ranking) to Elizabeth Lauten, president of Model UN club, IAEA representing UK.
3. The Most Distinguished Delegate (second in order of ranking) to Matthew Herrmann, vice president of Model UN club, representing Japan in SC.
Thomas J. Spaulding, Class of ’92:
The East Carolina Alumni Association named four East Carolina alumni as the 2006 recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award. Thomas J. Spaulding Jr., a 1992 political science graduate was among them. Thomas and his family live in Denver, Colorado where he serves as founder and CEO of Leader’s Challenge and was recently named CEO and president of Up with People. Prior to founding Leader’s Challenge in 2000, Spaulding was the director of corporate affiliates for the international nonprofit global leadership program Up with People. He has a master’s degree in nonprofit management from Regis University, and he received an MBA in 1998 from Bond University in Australia while studying on a full scholarship as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

Elizabeth Isley, MPA Class of ’06: As the director of music business at Radford University, she teaches all of the music business classes at RU: Marketing the Arts, Financing the Arts, Managing the Arts (legal issues, copyright law, etc.), Intro to Music Business (career options), Music Business Field Experiences (career development courses with an extra splash of “hands-on experiences” in the real world), Topics in the Arts (various and sundry music business related projects, including but not limited to sound recording, A&R, grant writing, etc.) and oversee all the music business internships. She also teaches music appreciation (the general ed course for non-majors) and coaches brass quintet! In addition to teaching, she is responsible for coordinating partnerships with outside businesses/industries to enable students the opportunity to network in the field and acquire some hands on experience. She may be contacted at the Music Business Program, Radford University, P.O. Box 6968, Radford, VA 24142-6968. Her phone number is 540-831-5119 or she may be contacted through one of the following e-mail or Web sites: eisley@radford.edu, http://music.asp.radford.edu, or http://music.asp.radford.edu/academicprograms/bm/musicbus.htm

Mike Daniska, MPA Class of ’05: Accepted into PhD program in public administration at North Carolina State University.

Sara Kroll, Class of ’05: In summer 2006, took a position as a legal intern at Grameen Foundation USA in DC.

Marvelle Sullivan, Class of ’00: Finished law school at UVA in spring 2005, passed the New York bar and is practicing in one of London’s leading firms.

Amanda Hodges, MPA, Class of ’06: Works for the School of Communication here at ECU as one of their two academic advisors, overseeing the academic progress of a few hundred communication majors. Outside of work, was selected for the You’re the Cure Advocate Spotlight in the September 2006 edition of the American Heart Association’s Mid-Atlantic Advocacy Newsletter.

We love to hear from our alumni! Let us know what you are doing by contacting Shelia Ellis or Angela Cline at 252-328-6030. We will put your update in our next fall newsletter.

Also, please visit our Web site at www.ecu.edu/polsci.

Call for Internship Opportunities

If you have a possible internship opportunity for a political science student, please contact Dr. Peter L. Francia, director of undergraduate internships, at franciap@ecu.edu. MPA internship possibilities may be brought to the attention of Dr. Leslie Omoruyi at omoruyil@ecu.edu.

We appreciate any sources of information you may have on opportunities.
Scavo Teaching Awards

The department is pleased to announce that Dr. Carmine Scavo and Dr. Charles Prysby, UNCG, received two national teaching awards at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association over the Labor Day holiday. They received the 2006 Rowman and Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching in Political Science and the Best Instructional Web Site Award for 2006. Scavo and Prysby have coauthored the Voting Behavior SETUPS (Supplementary Empirical Teaching Units in Political Science) since 1984. Previously the SETUPS were released in booklet form. The latest online release of this project allows students and faculty to analyze election data interactively using approximately 160 different voting-related variables. This is the first national teaching award received by a member of the department. Congratulations!

Professors Morris and Baumgartner and The Daily Show

In the spring of 2006, Drs. Jonathan Morris and Jody Baumgartner published an article in American Politics Research (APR) on the effects of The Daily Show titled “The “Daily Show Effect”: Candidate Evaluations, Efficacy, and American Youth.” Shortly after its publication, the article was reviewed in the May 10, 2006, edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education. Shortly after that, Sage Publications, which publishes APR, made the article available as a free, downloadable PDF file.

Since that time, the research has received a considerable national attention from such media outlets as the Washington Post, the Toronto Star, the Los Angeles Times, USA Today, the AP and UPI wire services, and numerous other local newspapers. The research was discussed on MSNBC’s Hardball with Chris Matthews and Scarborough Country, as well as Fox News’s Fox and Friends and Fox News Watch. The authors also discussed the research on a number of local and national radio programs, including National Public Radio’s All Things Considered. In addition, the research was the subject of so many Internet blogs that it was included in CBS News’s “Top 10” in the blogs for the week of June 28, 2006. In addition, the chair of the faculty, Mark Taggart, highlighted their work in his remarks to the Board of Trustees on October 6. They are continuing to do research on the topic of humor in politics and planning a major national study centered on the upcoming 2008 presidential election.
**Faculty News**

**Dr. Jody Baumgartner** has had a very active year. He has published one article, has another three that have been accepted for publication, and another four manuscripts under review since last year’s newsletter. He also moved from fixed-term appointment with the department to a tenure-track position. He is scheduled to present his work at several national meetings this coming year.

**Dr. David Conradt** has had a busy year. With a grant from the German foreign office he observed the 2005 parliamentary elections, which were full of surprises. He is currently working on a book on this topic. In October he presented two papers at the German Studies Association meeting, and in April he was invited to Washington to make a presentation to the European staff of the Central Intelligence Agency. He also published a recent article on the 2005 German Federal Election in *German Politics and Society*.

**Dr. Rhonda Evans Case** will be presenting her work at several international and national meetings this coming year. She will present a paper at the International Political Science Association Research Committee for Comparative Judicial Studies meeting in Melbourne, Australia, in January; the Australia & New Zealand Studies Association meeting this coming March, and possibly in Berlin this coming summer.

**Dr. Peter Francia** continues to be very active professionally. He recently published a study in the journal *The Forum* with Renan Levine of the University of Toronto on the politics of federal spending during the Bush presidency. In addition, he coordinated the American Political Science Association’s Working Group on Labor and Politics at the group’s annual meeting in Philadelphia, and is co-editing a special symposium issue, “Labor Unions Today: Organizing and Politics,” which is forthcoming in the *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior* with Dr. Kearney. He also has completed several recent studies on religion and politics that are currently under review.

**Dr. Rick Kilroy** is actively pursuing the development of the security studies program and is presenting his work at various national meetings. He, Dr. Scavo, and Dr. Kearney presented a paper at the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia on homeland security and federalism that has already been submitted for journal review. He just had an article on Israel’s security fence and the recent war in Lebanon accepted for publication in *Contemporary Security Policy*. In April of this year, he traveled to Vienna, Austria to make a presentation at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Security Education, and then visited Chernobyl, in Ukraine for the twentieth anniversary of the nuclear disaster in 1986. He and his colleagues from ECU’s Environmental Health program came back “glowing” from their visit. Dr. Kilroy also continues to serve as ECU’s assistant director of military programs and has been helping to expand the university’s educational outreach to our local military communities, to include opening a new ECU educational office at Fort Bragg this March, and possibly in Berlin this coming summer.

**Dr. Carmine Scavo** published several works this past year. First, his work “Local Government Managers’ Views of Homeland Security,” with Rick Kearney and Rick Kilroy was published by the International City Management Association in their 2006 Municipal Yearbook. This work was based on a survey of close to three thousand city and county managers that Scavo, Kearney, and Kilroy developed for ICMA in 2005. This work was also presented at the annual FEMA training conference in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in June 2006. A second work on a similar topic, “Challenges to Federalism: Homeland Security and Emergency Response,” was presented at the annual American Political Science Association conference in Philadelphia and then later at the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) annual conference in Minneapolis. That work is currently under review for publication. Scavo also contributed a chapter on enablers of mass effects to Rick Kilroy’s edited book on terrorism and disaster management. Scavo’s work on public administration education in Russia (with several Russian public administration professors) will appear in the fall 2006 Journal of Public Affairs Education. Along with Paul Dezendorf and Elena Murenina, he authored a paper on education of nonprofit managers in Russia which Dezendorf developed at the annual NISPACEe conference in Bratislava, Slovenia, in June 2006. Additionally, the third edition of David Garson’s book on Public Information Technology (2007) will contain Scavo and Jody Baumgartner’s chapter, “World Wide Web Site Design and Management in Local Government.”

**Dr. Nancy Spalding** continues as the department’s undergraduate coordinator, which especially includes facilitating the current advising transition. She taught a topics class on the comparative politics of genocide and has had a very active year. She has published one article, has another three that have been accepted for publication, and another four manuscripts under review since last year’s newsletter. She has also been working on several article manuscripts and national conference presentations.

**Dr. William Mangun** will be presenting his work at the Western Social Science Association meeting in Calgary, Alberta, in April and at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management in Park City, Utah, in June.

**Dr. Jay Morris**’s research has focused on the mass media and politics. This past year, he has published articles on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart (Journal of American Politics Research)*, and cable news (Political Research Quarterly). He also has articles forthcoming on the politics of television “channel flippers” (*Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*) and the influence of perceived media bias and the Fox News Channel audience (*Social Science Quarterly*).

**Dr. Leslie Omoruyi** has returned to the department after a one-year stint as the inaugural faculty-in-residence for the UNC in Washington program. The UNC in Washington program is a unique program, which provides the opportunity for talented students from fourteen of the sixteen constituent colleges in the UNC system to live, study, and work in Washington, DC, for one semester. While in Washington, Dr. Omoruyi was a reader at the Library of Congress where he worked on his on going research—the comparative evaluation of Nigerian and American federalism and intergovernmental relations. He is currently working on the publication of the results from his research.

**Dr. Bob Thompson** is preparing a manuscript for publication review on the politics of obesity in which he examines why obesity is not perceived as a major policy and policy problem given the increasing numbers of obese adults and children in the United States and how the associated health-care issues intersect with the political sector.

**Dr. John Williams** has been busy with his project using the theory of moves to explore relationships between the refugee assistance community and local asylum countries. This project has been expanded and will be pursued as a book manuscript with Drs. Les Zeager and Rick Ericson from the Department of Economics.
Faculty Book Projects

One of the aspects of the department that amazed me when I came back to the department is the large number of book projects underway by the faculty. This will amaze and please you, too! These are descriptions of the book projects published or under contract since last year’s newsletter. These do not include at least four other book projects that are in earlier stages of development.

Baumgartner, Jody. 2006. The American Vice Presidency Reconsidered. Westport, CT: Praeger. Since 1960 the office of the vice presidency of the United States has evolved into a fundamentally different institution than the one the founders envisioned, attracting better-qualified aspirants who may be called upon to perform a variety of important tasks. This book offers a corrective to the overwhelmingly negative view that Americans have had of their vice presidents by demonstrating how the role has changed over time. In addition, Baumgartner examines those who were candidates for vice president but who were not elected. The book is organized thematically according to the career path of the vice president, from the selection process through campaign and nomination to election, service in office, and post-White House contributions.

Baumgartner, Jody, and Peter L. Francia. Popular Myths of American Elections. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield (Forthcoming in 2007). Elections, especially presidential elections, not only generate public interest in politics, but also a seemingly limitless supply of theories, opinions, and predictions from journalists, scholars, and political pundits. Amidst this flood of information, many of the claims that political observers make and the media report about the electoral process are riddled with errors. The purpose of Twelve Myths of American Elections is to provide a short and easy-to-read supplementary text that demonstrates how political science scholarship provides a corrective to the many common misunderstandings that have developed about American elections.

Conradt, David. Politics in Europe. Washington: The Congressional Quarterly Press. (Forthcoming 2007). The fourth edition of this highly successful coauthored text will be released later this academic year.

Eamon, Thomas Floyd. Deliver Us From Evil: A Story of North Carolina Politics. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press (Forthcoming in 2008). This book project draws on Dr. Eamon’s extensive and long-standing connections with many people involved in North Carolina politics over the past thirty-eight years. The book reflects the fact that Jesse Helms as well as many others on the liberal end of the political spectrum saw themselves as crusaders against evil and defenders of that which was noble whether values or new initiatives in education. The book deals with underlying or long-term forces, but also stresses that people (e.g., Charles Aycock, Jesse Helms, and Jim Hunt) made a difference and the roles of specific elections as turning points in the state’s history. They brought about changes that were not inevitable. While book’s coverage begins in 1898, it emphasizes the period from 1948 to the present. The book will be delivered to the publisher early in the summer of 2007.

Kilroy, Richard. Threats to Homeland Security: An All Hazards Perspective. New York: John Wiley and Sons. (Forthcoming 2007). This volume focuses on the foundations of homeland security, various international and domestic threats, means of attack, and challenges to establishing security. It is designed to serve as a reference work and a text for courses as well as be of interest to the general public. Several faculty members from the department have written chapters for the book. They include Jeannie Grussendorf, John Williams, Carmine Scavo, and Rick Kilroy.

Mani, Bonnie G. Women, Power, and Political Change. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. (Forthcoming Fall 2006). Dr. Mani focuses on the barriers contemporary women face as they try to balance family and careers, choose the most promising education and employment options, and run for elected office. The book analyzes the lives of sixteen American women who facilitated social and political changes in the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. These women were entrepreneurs—a small group advocating policies that imposed costs on some Americans but generated benefits for women. Dr. Mani describes the social and political context of the times when each of the women lived and worked. What she uncovers regarding the similarities and differences between these women demonstrates how women can influence public policy without holding elected office and without personal wealth.

Morris, Jonathan S., and Jody C. Baumgartner, eds. Laughing Matters: Humor and American Politics in the Media Age. New York: Routledge (Forthcoming in 2007). This book examines the role of humor in modern American politics. It includes contributions from a wide range of authors from the fields of political science and communication, and relies on original research, both quantitative and qualitative, to paint a picture of the role of humor in American politics. The volume is organized according to two general topics: (1) how the modern media present political humor, and (2) the various ways in which political humor influences politics.

Roshandel, Jalil and Sharon Chadha. 2006. Jihad and International Security. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. This book explores the global jihad movement and its emergence in the latter half of the twentieth century. It investigates the nature and extent of this threat; traces its religious and ideological roots; relevant history; the goals of the movement; who is fighting jihad; how they end up in the movement; how it is being funded and sponsored; and what nations, particularly the United States, one of the movement’s primary targets, are doing to counter the threat. The book assumes that the reader has only a minimal background of this compelling contemporary topic. While the authors tried to avoid using academic jargon, they wrote the book so that it could be used in political science, international relations, and defense and security studies courses as well as by the general public.

Sahay, Anjali. Brain Drain or Gain: Migration of Knowledge Workers from India to the USA. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. (Forthcoming in 2007). This book focuses on the topic of brain drain from a new lens. It draws from the traditional research literature to include discussion on brain gain and brain circulation using Indian migration to the United States as case study. While it cannot be denied that host countries have policies that encourage or provide the necessary conditions for brain drain to take place, Dr. Sahay argues that one must take into account the fact that many source countries now benefit from out-migration of their workers and students. Three hypotheses are tested to expand on these points. The book also notes that while these hypotheses may be true for a country like India, where many other factors play a role, it may not necessarily affect other less-developing countries in a similar vein. Additionally, third-generation Indo-Americans may not necessarily retain the same ties as were seen by the first and second generations. Thus, direct benefits in the long term may differ in their results.

Yarbrough, Tinsley E. Harry A. Blackmun; Outsider Justice. (Forthcoming 2007). This latest book is now in press with Oxford University Press. Its basic theme is that Justice Blackmun’s strong empathy for society’s outsiders stemmed in part from his own deep-seated feelings of insecurity and self-doubt.
Welcome New Faculty

As noted, the department has a number of new faculty with us this year, and we would like to introduce them to you. If you are able to visit the department at some time, please feel free to talk with them.

Dr. Rhonda Evans Case: Dr. Evans Case is an assistant professor who has joined the department after teaching at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California, during the past academic year. Dr. Evans Case completed her PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in 2004. She received her BA degree in political science from Kent State University in Ohio and her JD degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. After practicing law for several years, she decided to pursue her doctorate. Her areas of specialization include judicial politics, civil rights and civil liberties, comparative public law, and human rights law. She has done field work in Australia and New Zealand as well as the United States. While a graduate student at Texas she received several awards for her teaching and academic excellence. She has already published several articles and will be presenting some of her work in Australia and Canada in the upcoming months.

Dr. David Prince: Dr. David Prince is a visiting assistant Professor who has just finished his doctorate from the University of Kentucky in the areas of American Political Institutions and Public Policy. Prior to completing his academic work at Kentucky, Dr. Prince received his MA in political science from Appalachian State University and his BA in political science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. In addition to gaining teaching experience while a graduate student at Kentucky, Dr. Prince also served as an assistant professor at Bellarmine University near Louisville, Kentucky While there he taught a variety of courses in political science and gained valuable experiences which he has now brought to us. His areas of scholarly interest are currently focusing on state legislatures and the timing of campaign contributions as well as other aspects of the operations of state legislatures.

Mr. Robert McDougall: Mr. MacDougall is serving as a visiting instructor this fall with the department. His undergraduate degree is from the U.S. Naval Academy and his MPA degree is from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is teaching a course on war in the modern age.

Dr. Jalil Roshandel: Dr. Jalil Roshandel has joined the department as an associate professor and director of our security studies program. Dr. Roshandel is an internationally recognized scholar of international relations and foreign policy with an emphasis on weapons of mass destruction, the politics of the Mideast and Islam, and security studies. He received his PhD and MA degrees from the Universite’ des Sociales in Toulouse, France, and BA degree from the University of Tehran, Iran. In addition to having served as a faculty member at the University of Tehran, he has taught at universities in Belgium, Denmark, and Turkey. He has also taught at UCLA, Stanford, and Duke. He brings a wide range of contacts and experiences to ECU that will enrich the classroom experiences of both our undergraduates and graduates students interested in security studies and in the politics of the Mideast. He is also a productive scholar. His most recent book, Jihad and International, was published in September.

Dr. Anjali Sahay: Dr. Sahay is a visiting assistant professor who finished her PhD in International Studies in August at Old Dominion University. Prior to attending ODU, she completed a BA and MA in history at Delhi University in India. Her areas of scholarly interest include international relations, international political economy, and US and Indian foreign policy. Her dissertation focused on the migration of knowledge workers from India to the United States. She has already signed a contract to convert her dissertation into a book. While at ODU she taught courses in international relations and served as the director of the Model UN program. She will be teaching courses in these areas for us as well and has already taken over direction of our Model UN program. We are most fortunate in finding someone with her experience to aid us in this key activity.

Dr. Wang Wen: Dr. Wang is an assistant professor who joined the Department this term after completing his PhD this past spring from the department of Public Administration at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University. We are very glad to have him as a member of the faculty from this prestigious program. In fact, the Maxwell School has been rated the number one public affairs program in the United States. Prior to attending Syracuse, Dr. Wang received his MPA degree from the University of Georgia and his BA from Nankai University. Prior to coming to the United States for further education, Dr. Wang worked for the China National School of Administration on civil service training projects in conjunction with various international organizations. His areas of specialization concern public budgeting and finance, particularly focusing on capital budgeting and public school finances. He is also interested in organizational theory and comparative public administration. These areas of specialization fill needed niches in our public administration offerings.
Other Transitions

This past year several colleagues left the department to pursue their academic careers elsewhere. We thank them for their contributions to the department and wish them well.

**Dr. Michael Butler:** Dr. Butler left the department in July to accept a position in the Department of Political Science at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Dr. Jeanne Grussendorf:** Dr. Grussendorf left ECU this past summer to take a teaching position at Georgia State University. This move will allow her and her husband to stop having a long distance commuter relationship.

**Dr. Amy Blizzard:** Dr. Blizzard has left the department, but she did not go far. After completing her PhD this past year in coastal resource management, Dr. Blizzard joined the Department of Geography and Planning as an assistant professor. She also gave birth to her second child, Zane Blizzard, this past summer.

Mock Trial Club

This fall a number of students from a variety of majors have taken steps to create a Mock Trial Club at ECU. Led by ECU freshman and club president, Dina Patel, students met on October 30, 2006, to draft a constitution and complete the requisite paperwork in order to be officially recognized by the University as a student club. They intend to participate in competitions sanctioned by the American Mock Trial Association during the 2007–2008 academic year. Dr. Rhonda Evans Case is serving as the club’s advisor. A local attorney will recruited to serve as the team’s coach. It is hoped that this club will help to prepare students for the law school experience as well as draw student interest to the Department of Political Science.

Pi Sigma Alpha News

Congratulations to the 2006 inductees into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, and Pi Alpha Alpha, the national public administration honor society! Invitation to these distinguished societies is based upon the student’s academic record.

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