I’m happy to be writing this welcoming note to our newsletter. We’ve had an amazingly productive year, especially given the poor finances of the state and the University. You have every reason to be proud of your department. You can see the individual accomplishments highlighted in the biographical section of the newsletter. The faculty has published six books, 28 refereed articles and 17 book chapters and made over 30 conference presentations. Since the last newsletter, Rhonda Evans Case received the UNC Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award. Alethia Cook, Rhonda Evans Case, Marie Olsen Lounsbury and Younhee Kim were all promoted to associate professor with tenure and Peter Francia was promoted to full professor. Suffice it to say, the department has done an exemplary job.

This year has been an exciting one. The Master’s in Security Studies has already exceeded expectations with more than 50 students – more than double the number of students we anticipated. Dr. Jalil Roshandel, the founding director, has retired from that position, but he is still teaching and doing research, and Dr. Alethia Cook is the new director. Her passion for the field of Security Studies will no doubt show through the continued development of the program. We look forward to the growth of our productivity, both through our students and our faculty. A brief review of the faculty update page shows that we are having an impact on our students and on the political science profession. Moreover, we are having an impact on the world outside the academy. We are frequently sought out as commentators on local, state, national and international politics.

Your contributions to the department of political science have helped to strengthen the programs that benefit our current students. Your donations have helped to fund scholar- ships that make it possible for students to continue their education. You have helped facilitate workshops on getting into law school and what to do with a political science degree. Members of the faculty have been able to attend conferences that improve their ability to convey the latest information to the classroom. We have been able to purchase books that enable us to keep current with the latest information in the field of political science, as well as maps for classrooms so that our students can better understand comparative and world politics. We have also purchased instructional software so that we can better communicate the nuances of politics to our students. During these difficult economic and budgetary times, I want to thank you for your continued generosity.

Lastly, I look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to drop by and say hello. I’m always eager to talk about the department and the wonderful achievements of my colleagues.

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The most exciting change for Security Studies in 2013 was the hiring of Dr. Armin Krishnan as a member our faculty. The addition of Dr. Krishnan’s expertise on intelligence and the role of technology in security will strengthen the program and provide new learning opportunities to our graduate and undergraduate students. In the coming year, new courses will be developed and integrated into the Security Studies curriculum to take advantage of Dr. Krishnan’s knowledge.

Admissions and enrollments in the program continue to grow. The program has admitted 25 new students to the MSSS program and 19 to the Certificate program since January. The fall 2013 admissions to the two programs showed a 25 percent growth over fall 2012.

A major goal for the program in the 2013-2014 academic year is to establish a Security Studies Steering Committee, which will help guide the program in curricular matters and plan opportunities for community outreach activities.

For information about the program, you can download brochures and course offerings from our website at: http://www.ecu.edu/polsci/sec/. If you have more specific questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Alethia Cook, Director, Security Studies Program at cooka@ecu.edu or 252-328-5869.

The MPA Program is alive, well, and preparing for its next reaccreditation self study and site visit. NASPAA will be sending a site visit team to review our program during the spring 2015 term. The faculty, students, and Advisory Council have all been busy implementing the program changes needed to meet the new competency-based accreditation requirements adopted since our last accreditation. All of the pieces are now in place, although we will have to implement them this year and record our results in the self-study next summer. During the fall 2014 term, we will also ask alumni to assist us by completing a survey on the program.

In fall 2013 we saw the largest incoming cohort of new MPA students in a long time. Sixteen new students entered the program for the fall term, with another two scheduled to enter in January 2014. This cohort also boasts the most diverse breadth of undergraduate institutions we have ever seen from a group of incoming students. Nine different institutions are represented in the cohort. This represents a major increase over last year, which was our lowest new enrollment level. The program will have approximately 36 students enrolled this fall. We think the economic turnaround is beginning to have positive effects on both our enrollment and the quality of jobs being secured by our graduates. We graduated eight people in May, and three of the five seeking employment have already located good jobs. Congratulations to Laura Adams, Alexandra Boncek, and Tiana Keith!
Undergraduate Program News

Due to the increased efforts to coordinate Undergraduate advising, we have seen more timely submissions of senior summaries, so that almost all of the intended May graduates’ summaries were ready to be reviewed well before early registration.

We are now inviting some of the Department’s top students to join with faculty members and participate in the University’s spring and fall Open Houses, which are attended by prospective and admitted new students. The interaction between current and future students has been a success; prospective students have a chance to speak with students who represent where they want to be in several years and can accurately address their questions.

Please check out the Department’s webpage—especially the Undergraduate Study Page. [http://www.ecu.edu/polsci/undergrad/index.html](http://www.ecu.edu/polsci/undergrad/index.html) It has a broad array of useful information, including checksheets for all of our programs, lists of Humanities and Fine Arts options, and answers to frequently asked questions about advising and graduation.

If you have a possible internship opportunity for a political science student, please contact Dr. Nancy Spalding, director of undergraduate programs, at spaldingn@ecu.edu.

MPA internship possibilities may be brought to the attention of Mr. John Bulow at bulowj@ecu.edu.

We appreciate any sources of information you may have on such opportunities.

Alumni News

Tremayne Smith, Class of ‘11, Tremayne was selected as the 2013-2014 Wells Fargo High School Teacher of the Year for the Nash-Rocky Mount Public School System.

Pax Wade, Class of ‘13, Pax has an entry level position at a lobbying firm, Miller and Wenhold.

We love to hear from our alumni!
Let us know what you are doing by contacting Shelia Ellis or Kiwana Washington at 252-328-6030.

Please visit us at [www.ecu.edu/polsci](http://www.ecu.edu/polsci). We will have a Political Science Alumni Facebook page where you can keep us and your fellow graduates updated on your accomplishments.
Prior to the 2012 election, Dr. Jody Baumgartner published research that correctly predicted Mitt Romney’s selection of Paul Ryan as his vice presidential candidate. With Robert Lichter and Jonathan Morris, he has also just completed a book manuscript that examines televised political humor on late-night talk shows, and he is currently working on a new book on the vice presidency, due to be published in 2015.

Dr. David P. Conradt has had a very active 2013. In March, the tenth edition of The German Polity was published (Rowman-Littlefield), this time with a co-author. He has also co-authored and edited a special issue of German Politics commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civic Culture, the seminal study of political culture and a classic of political science. The sixth edition of his co-authored Politics in Europe (CQ Press) is also forthcoming. In September, the National Intelligence Council invited him to present a paper on the 2013 German elections. Later that month he went to Germany to observe the elections at the invitation of the German government. In July, his eight-year tenure as a member, and later chairman, of the Pitt County Board of Elections came to an end. He had absolutely nothing to do with the recent controversy over North Carolina’s voting laws. Finally, on a personal note, he is expecting his third grandchild and second grandson later this year.

Dr. Alethia Cook studies national and international security, including weapons of mass destruction, the factors that influence violence committed by rebels and terrorist organizations, emergency response to acts of terrorism, response to pandemic disease, and activities to stop radiological and nuclear terrorism. In the past year, Cook has focused on two significant projects. The first is a book with Marie Olson Lounsbery which applies their theoretical arguments about the factors contributing to escalation and de-escalation of civil wars to six case studies: Indonesia, Myanmar, Peru, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, and Sri Lanka. The second is a new book project that will focus on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons (CBRN or WMD). In particular, the book will examine the unique challenges these types of weapons pose to the US government as it attempts to both keep them out of the wrong hands and prepare to respond to an attack if it were to occur. That book has grown out of a well-received presentation Dr. Cook gave at the International Studies Association’s annual convention in San Francisco in the spring of 2013.

Dr. Thomas Eamon presented a paper at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC in spring 2012 entitled “Southern Sectionalism in American Politics: Myth or Reality?” He was a convocation speaker at UNC-Greensboro on the topic of “North Carolina in the 2012 Election.”

His book, North Carolina Politics and American Democracy (UNC Press) will be available for purchase in early January. It covers the period from World War II to 2012. Dr. Eamon crossed the digital divide in a conversion of Biblical proportions in 2011! Now his iPad goes nearly everywhere that he goes, and he also has a laptop. He loves staying in touch with former students. Dr. Eamon runs five miles five days a week.

Dr. Rhonda Evans Case signed the final contract with Oxford University Press on a co-authored book with Teri Givens entitled Legislating Equality: The Politics of Antidiscrimination Policy in Europe. She is in her second year as interim director of the Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. In August she spoke by invitation at a Symposium on “Soft Power, Smart Power” convened by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Canberra, Australia. While in Australia, she also delivered a research presentation on the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) at Monash University in Melbourne. Dr. Evans Case spent three weeks in New Zealand as a Program Visitor at Victoria University of Wellington’s (VUW) Law Faculty, researching the law and politics of agenda setting on the New Zealand Supreme Court (NZSC). She enjoyed full access to the Court’s files and interviewed a dozen lawyers who regularly appear before the Court, as well as retired justices and current members of the NZSC. She presented her research at the Law Faculties of the VUW (with former PM Sir Geoffrey Palmer and retired NZSC Justice Kenneth Keith in attendance) and the University of Auckland (with retired NZSC Justice Peter Blanchard in attendance). She was invited to return to Auckland in 2014 to participate in a conference that will mark the NZSC’s tenth anniversary. In May at the Law & Society Association’s annual conference in Boston, a graduate student presented a paper that Dr. Evans Case co-authored on the Australian High Court. Dr. Evans Case presented a paper on the NZSC, co-authored with another graduate student, at the Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project in Antwerp, Belgium in June.
**Faculty News**


**Dr. Young Hun Kim** earned his Ph.D. in political science in 2008 from the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Kim’s research and teaching focus on comparative political institutions, democracy and democratization, East Asian Politics, East European politics and Russian Politics. His works appeared in *Cross-Cultural Research, Democratization, and the Journal of Politics*.


**Dr. Brad Lockerbie** participated in a program at the Southern Political Science Association in which he correctly forecast the outcome of the 2012 presidential election between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, as well as the seat changes in the House of Representatives. This research was published in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Along with this work, he also published a retrospective on his forecast in the next issue of the journal. Moreover, he has an article entitled “Race and Religion: Voting Behavior and Political Attitudes” forthcoming at *Social Science Quarterly*. This article shows that evangelical African-Americans are even more likely to vote for Democrats than their less religious brethren.

**Dr. Bonnie G. Mani** continues to teach graduate and undergraduate courses on women, public policy and administration. On the undergraduate level, she teaches American National Government, American Politics Through Music, and on the graduate level she teaches courses on human resources management and public administration. Her chapter, “The Americans with Disabilities Act: Contradictions in Public Policy,” is forthcoming in *Public Human Resource Management: Problems and Prospects* -- Kearney and Coggburn’s Sixth Edition of the book. Dr. Mani’s article “The Human Capital Model and Federal Employees’ Pay: Gender, Veteran Status, and Occupation” has now been published in the following paginated issue of *Gender Issues*: Volume 30, Issue 1 (2013), Page 15-38. Related to her research agenda and as a result of an increase in the number of crimes in her area, three years ago Mani organized her local Neighborhood Watch/Community Crime Watch, and since then she has become the leader of the group. In the past year there were no police reports of any crimes in her subdivision. Outside the Department of Political Science, Dr. Mani is actively engaged in many East Carolina University (ECU) School of Music activities for performers, students, and alumni. She served two terms as President of the ECU School of Music Alumni Society Board.
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Dr. Jonathan (Jay) S. Morris’ recent research has focused on several areas. First, he has published multiple articles addressing the role of humor and politics in the last several presidential elections. In 2012 Morris published an article in Public Opinion Quarterly examining how Tina Fey’s impressions of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live in the 2008 campaign influenced public attitudes toward Palin. This research was co-authored with Jody Baumgartner and ECU undergraduate student Natasha Walth. Morris and Baumgartner also have a book forthcoming called Politics is a Joke! with S. Robert Lichter (Westview Press). Morris’ future research is focused on the role of social media in politics.

Dr. Marie Olson Lounsbery is expanding her research on organizational structures of rebel and terrorist groups. She will be presenting two papers at the 2014 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Toronto on the topic. She also has several articles in process that examine the shifting nature of civil conflict and resolution processes. Her co-authored manuscript with Dr. Cook on rebel group tactics should be completed in 2014.


Dr. Jalil Roshandel continues his work as an associate professor of Political Science and Security Studies. After organizing an International Conference on Terrorism in 2012, his edited book, Political Psychology of Terrorism, was published by Cambridge Scholars in June 2013. He recently presented a research paper entitled “The Press and Social Media in Iran since the Green Revolution” at the 31st Annual Conference of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies (ACSIS) at Seton Hall University, NJ. His paper, entitled “United States and Iran during Obama’s Second Term,” has been accepted for publication by Revue Européenne de Géopolitique Paris-France. His latest book proposal, The Changing Middle East: Power and Politics in an Age of Revolution has been contracted by Roman and Littlefield. Roshandel is a media consultant and frequently appears on local television, as well as Farsi-speaking outlets, on topics related to the Middle East.

Dr. Carmine Scavo and co-author Charles Prysby (UNC-Greensboro) developed the 2012 SETUPS voting behavior website (http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/instructors/setups2012/index.jsp). The SETUPS project teaches students how to conduct data analysis using the American National Election Study as a source of data. Undergraduate students at many different universities have learned basic methodological and data skills using the SETUPS project since its initial release in 1984. Scavo also became a contributing co-author to State and Local Government by the People, 16th edition (Boston: Pearson, 2014). He is also working on a multi-year project with Emily Washington from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University evaluating the effectiveness of state streamlining commissions. These commissions have been appointed in more than 30 states to examine the state bureaucracy and budget to find efficiencies and reduce regulations. Scavo and Washington delivered a paper at the 2012 APPAM (Association for Public Policy and Management) conference in Baltimore on their preliminary findings. A second paper with more complete findings will be published online as a Mercatus Center working paper. Scavo also published a piece entitled “The Digital Divide and E-Government in the United States” in the initial issue of the new journal International Journal of e-Governance and Networks. He also serves on the editorial board of that journal. Scavo, Bob Thompson and Sharon Paynter also continue their work on the Talent Enhancement Capacity Building (TECB) project under ECU’s Office of Engagement, Innovation, and Economic Development. This project – funded by the North Carolina Department of Commerce – helps rural communities and non-profit organizations develop skills in grant writing, grant administration, and public management. This year’s class of 15 participants represents two counties, eleven towns, and two non-profits.
Faculty News

Dr. Olga Smirnova, with co-author Suzanne Leland, has published an article on “The Role of Power and Competition in Contracting Out: An Analysis of Public Transportation Markets” in Administration and Society. Together with Tom Holt and Yi Ting (Michigan State University), she completed a large-scale study and peer-reviewed report for the National Institute of Justice on “Examining the Structure, Organization, and Processes of the International Market for Stolen Data.” She is also contributing two book chapters: Holt and Smirnova “Advancing Research on Computer Hackers through Online Data,” in Social Networking as a Criminal Enterprise, edited by Catherine D. Marcum and George Higgins, CRC Press, and Stolarick, Lobo, and Smirnova “Are Creative and Green Cities also Smart and Clean?” In Technopolis: Smart Cities as Learning Ecologies, edited by Daniel Araya. Her work with Tom Holt and Yi Ting Chua has also been accepted for a publication in proceedings of the APWG eCrime Researchers Summit (“An Exploration of the Factors Affecting the Advertised Price For Stolen Data”). Her presentations have been accepted at SECOPA in Charlotte (September 2013) and ABFM in Washington DC (October 2013). She is also working on a publication for the Public Works Management & Policy ASPA’s 75th Anniversary Special Edition on Transportation. Finally, she attended the Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy in the fall of 2013.

Dr. Bob Thompson continues to be active in working on homeless issues statewide through his work with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness. He has also continued working with the Talent Capacity Enhancement Building Project. This is the fourth year of this project, which works with small local governments and non-profits from across the state. Its purpose is to enable the participants to be better able to secure and manage grants. Drs. Scavo and Paynter have also been co-directors on this project.

Welcome New Faculty

As noted, the department has a new member of the faculty with us this year, and we would like to introduce him. If you are able to visit the department, please feel free to stop by to talk with him.

Dr. Armin Krishnan is an Assistant Professor. He teaches international relations, intelligence studies, and security studies. He has studied political science, sociology, and philosophy at the University of Munich and intelligence and international relations at Salford University, UK from which he also received his PhD in the field of security studies in 2006. He has previously worked as a Research Associate at Salford University and at the University of Southampton, UK. From 2009 to 2013 he was a Visiting Assistant Professor for Security Studies at the University of Texas at El Paso, where he taught in the MS in Intelligence and National Security Studies program. Dr. Krishnan specializes in defense, intelligence, and international security. He is the author of three books that explore new aspects of contemporary warfare, such as the outsourcing of military services, the development of autonomous weapons, and targeted killings and drone warfare in the context of the War on Terror. He has also published articles in the journals Contemporary Security Policy, Brown Journal in World Affairs, Journal of Law, Information & Science, and e-International Relations, and contributed to a RUSI Whitehall Report about new military capabilities. His current research focuses on clandestine warfare and covert action, as well as the mechanism of government secrecy in the United States. Over seven years of cumulative teaching experience he has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate seminars and courses in international history, military history, intelligence studies, and security studies. His current teaching duties include Introduction to International Relations and American Foreign Relations. In the future, he would like to develop courses on covert action as an instrument of foreign policy, intelligence and international relations, and terrorism and counterterrorism.
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