From the department chair

Welcome to the fall 2015 edition of ECU’s Department of Political Science newsletter. A number of events and changes are occurring in the program about which we are proud.

Our guest speaker at the spring graduation was William W. Wilson, Captain, USN (ret.) from the class of 1984. His inspiring address on the value of a liberal arts degree is in the newsletter. Bill, along with the late Judge Randy Doub and Phil Houston received our new Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. William M. Downs, a political science colleague and Dean of the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences will be the speaker at our fall graduate recognition ceremony.

This past spring we also successfully completed two major reviews of our academic programs. More information on these reviews is contained in the section on Program Activities.

This is also a year of faculty and alumni transitions. Dr. Jalil Roshandel went on phased retirement effective August of this year. Also, Dr. David Conradt and I will both retire at the end of the academic year. Last, it is with sadness that we note the passing of two of our alumni - Randy Doub ’77 and Harry Stubbs ’74 and ‘77. Both gentlemen were active members of our Advisory Board.

Please accept my personal thanks for your continued support of our programs! While most of your donations go toward our scholarships, I am able to use some of the money to cover student travel and organizations, I am now asking for your help with a couple of matters. First, each year a number of our students are recognized for their academic achievements by being admitted to various honor societies. Admission to these honor societies costs the students approximately $40-70. Last year alone, our students spent almost $2,000 in such costs. I would like to generate external funds to cover these admission for each of these students. It would make the honor even greater if we could say “Our alumni are honoring your successes by covering the cost of your being admitted to the honor society.” The second item for which I am requesting support is a beginning of the year reception for all political science students, graduates and undergraduates. To put my money where my mouth is, I have already given $250 for this myself. If you are interested in helping with this please let us know.

We invite you to contact us at any time to learn more about our programs, faculty, students, and vision for the future. Thanks again!
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2015 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

In fall 2014 the faculty of the Department created a Distinguished Alumni Award to recognize the accomplishments of our many alumni in their chosen professions. The first awards were presented at the spring 2015 Graduate Recognition Ceremony as noted below. If you wish to nominate someone to receive this award, please contact Dr. Robert Thompson at thompsonro@ecu.edu, 252-328-5686 or by mail. We are happy to receive nominations as we do not always know of the accomplishments of our graduates.

Judge Randy D. Doub ‘77

A judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the late Randy Doub was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of East Carolina University in 1977, where he majored in Political Science, and minored in Business Administration. After his ECU graduation, Judge Doub obtained a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980, serving on the Holderness Mott Court bench. He was also a member of Phi Delta Phi the international legal honor society. He passed away unexpectedly on January, 24, 2015.

In private practice, Judge Doub actively represented debtors and creditors, serving as a Chapter 7 Trustee and Attorney for Trustee for 15 years. During that time he became a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Judge Doub was a member of the Pitt County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina State Bar. While in private practice, Judge Doub also served on the Bankruptcy Council of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was certified as a Consumer Bankruptcy Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar and was certified as a Board Certified Mediator by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission.

From 1985-1990, he served on the North Carolina Board of Transportation after receiving an appointment from former Gov. James G. Martin. In July 2006, Judge Doub was appointed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, where he served as Chief Judge from July 2007 to July 2014. He was appointed to the Space and Security Advisory Council by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in 2008. He was a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and served on the legislative committee.

A former Boy Scout in Pfafftown, his home near Winston-Salem, Judge Doub was a member of Troop 946, Old Hickory Council, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in 1971, and becoming an Order of the Arrow member. As an adult, he served on the Pack Committee for Cub Scout Pack 36, East Carolina Council. He also served on the Troop Committee for Troop 30, East Carolina Council, and served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 9, East Carolina Council, where his two sons are Eagle Scouts. A member of the choir at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, he cherished visits to sing at nursing homes. He was a loyal East Carolina Pirate fan. Services took place in Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, with a February graveside service in Winston-Salem.
Phil Houston ’77

Phil Houston ’77, a political science graduate, is currently chief executive officer of QVerity, a provider of behavioral analysis and screening services worldwide. Based in Greenville, N.C., it was founded and staffed by former Central Intelligence Agency experts in deception detection and critical interviewing techniques. Prior to founding this company, Houston had a 25-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency which was highlighted by his service as a senior member of the Office of Security. In that capacity he conducted thousands of interviews and interrogations for the CIA and other federal agencies, both as an investigator and as a polygraph examiner. He is credited with developing a detection of deception methodology currently employed throughout the U.S. intelligence and federal law enforcement communities.

He is an internationally recognized authority on deception detection, critical interviewing, and elicitation with numerous world-wide public and private clientele.


Captain William W. Wilson ’84 USN (ret.)

William Wilson ’84, a political science graduate, is a retired U.S. Navy Seal. During his 28-year career, he served on multiple overseas assignments in Europe, Asia, North Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan. He led special operations campaigns in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya. His last stateside command was as Commanding Officer of the Naval Special Warfare Center where he was responsible for two large training commands and 14 training divisions. His last active duty assignment was as senior U.S. military adviser to the Libyan Special Forces.

In his career he also served as operations officer, Joint Special Operations Command; human resources manager for the SEAL Officer Community; and as commanding officer, SEAL Team ONE.

In addition to a bachelor’s degree from ECU, he holds a master’s degree from the U.S. Army War College. Since retirement from the U.S. Navy, Wilson has continued his professional career. In September 2014, he joined Workday, a human resources and financial enterprise software company headquartered in Pleasanton, Calif., where he serves as director of academic relations. He developed and leads Workday@College, an initiative to provide Workday technical training to students at partner universities.
Dr. Thompson, I find it fascinating that you are still in my life giving me great advice. A longtime ago you took an interest in me and made me a better student.

You taught me to think about the why more than what, to be diligent in preparing for your exams, and to write coherent essays for you to grade. You taught me how to structure problems, challenge assumptions, and develop solutions. All of this education was quite useful in my military career. So thank you very much Dr. Thompson. I have benefited so much from our friendship. I continue to be a student of yours.

For the graduates, I’m not going to give you any advice today on how to be successful and I won’t spend a lot of time up here talking. I’m sure that you’ve had plenty of advice on how to be successful in life and you don’t need any more from me.

Instead I’ll spend a few minutes discussing two simple subjects:

The value of your political science degree – [and] this fashionable thing that we call critical thinking.

Political Science is considered a liberal arts discipline, and liberal arts degrees are easy targets for political leaders and pundits who consider these degrees to be inadequate preparation for life after college. In our technology obsessed world these degrees are anachronisms. There is an old quip about liberal arts degrees that makes an interesting point.

The purpose of a liberal arts degree is not to produce good dinner guests; rather it is to produce people who won’t be fooled by good dinner guests.

I think this starts to get at the value proposition of majoring in political science. Graduating with a degree in political science is an indication that a person can think and communicate, and that you won’t be easily fooled by people who have great rhetoric and lazy logic.

But what specific careers are you ready to start after graduation? I started by looking at the website for the American Political Science Association. There is a long list of careers for which you are suited, [and] I’ve excerpted just a few: Activist, Attorney, Banker, Lawyer, CIA Agent, Corporate Analyst, Editor, Entrepreneur, Foreign Service Officer, Journalist, Lobbyist, Political Commentator, State Legislator, Teacher, Professor, University Administrator, and Web Content Editor. My own career field, Military Officer, was conspicuous by its omission which I found amusing. Perhaps it’s not that fashionable any more.

In the introduction to the list of your future careers was this paragraph:

A degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state, and local governments; law; business; international organizations; non-profit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism, and research and teaching.

(Exciting =Terrifying)

Reading further I found this assertion:

Political Science Majors gain analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities that are valued in a wide spectrum of potential career areas.

I’ll repeat for you again - you’ve developed analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities for your labors here at East Carolina University. These are the real and tangible results of your studies. And they are valued in every organization that you will join after graduation today.

The world has plenty of smart, ambitious, and articulate people who are superb at identifying problems. And their contribution often ends right at publicly identifying problems. What the world really needs are more people who can solve problems. And compounding all of this is the reality that many problems are unsolvable, and can only be managed to cause as little damage to as few people as possible. Knowing the difference is
important, because people’s energy and time have limits. Determining what problem to solve is the most important part of problem solving.

Too many ineffective policies, plans, and legislation are caused by not spending enough time thinking about the unintended consequences of the solutions.

The results of bad policy and bad legislation are often worse than doing nothing and letting nature take its course.

I spent 28 years in the military, and in the last decade worked closely with senior civilian leaders. To be effective, I had to convince civilian leaders that I understood their objectives and their risks. To get things done I had to offer these leaders options that reduced their risk, and had a high probability of success.

I learned that people are not particularly interested in whom you are or what you’ve done, but they are really interested in what you can do for them. Your ability to solve their problems is a powerful attractant.

I also learned that Policy is not made. It aggregates. It’s analogous to a geological formation that grows over a long time. Lots of sediment accumulates, and pebbles, rocks, and boulders are added. The largest policy aggregations are made by productive people with the best ideas, or the most energy and influence.

I think that productive people can be categorized by three competencies that they exhibit: People are Doers, Thinkers or Communicators. Most people mastered two of these three competencies, and productive people are skilled in all three behaviors. In earning your degree, each of you has demonstrated that you are competent in all three areas. These are valuable skills that will be of great benefit to you in your life after school. There are many businesses, and organizations that want to hire people like you because you can think, communicate, and you can execute.

I’ll move on to this thing that’s called Critical Thinking. It’s a phrase that’s thrown around and determining what it means is important. I think it means thinking logically and athletically. Separating facts from assumptions. Knowing the difference between coincidence and causality. And the point of critical thinking is to develop solutions that solve problems.

The important first step in critical thinking is challenging your own assumptions and biases. Our assumptions and biases are the most powerful obstructions to logical reasoning. Emotion crowds out logic. Each of us is susceptible to challenging other people’s ideas and thoughts, but less likely to challenge our own.

After this we can move onto assessing and challenging other peoples’ assumptions and biases.

The danger with assumptions and biases is that they are often misrepresented as facts – which they are not. Facts are provable, measurable, and they are the building blocks in a logical construction. Assumptions are also part of logical construction, as they are in the process of being proved or disproved.

Critical thinking is hard because so many assumptions masquerade as facts and it requires research, thought and debate to flush out the facts. Then one has to develop solutions that are suitable (they solve the right problem) that are feasible (we have the time and resources to solve the problem) and finally that are acceptable (is legal and ethical to the people involved in the solution).

If you can think critically and if you can develop solutions that are suitable, acceptable, and feasible you will lead very productive and satisfying lives. That’s the closest I’m going to offering you advice.

I want to close by quoting one of my favorite observations on the role of a University. Clark Kerr, the President of the University of California observed in his Charter Day remarks in March 1961 -

This University is not engaged in making ideas safe for students; It is engaged in making students safe for ideas. Thus it permits the freest expression of views before students trusting to their good sense in passing judgment on these views. Only in this way can it best serve American Democracy.

And that’s what we are expecting of you graduates today – that you are quite safe for ideas outside of this school, and that you will have the good sense to pass judgment on different views. Good Luck to each of you – and thank you for letting me join you today.
STUDENT NEWS

Spring 2015 Graduates

Bachelor of Arts

Andres Barrera
Lacey Shaye Balazs
Daniel Ashley Blackburn
Kathleen Veniene Daniels
Joseph Jarib Garcia

Joshua Lawrence Griffin
Travon R. Hendricks
Ashley Morgan Meehan
Mary Christine Melhan
Chaniece Alyssa Mulligan

Kaitlyn Marie Nilges
Jonathan Blake Richards
Mercedes Tia Wilkins

Bachelor of Science

Michael Von Barnhill III
Katherine Julian Bennett
Campbell Brett Bentson
Matthew Hunter Blaise
Christopher Harrell Bunn
Malcolm Wade Butner III
Adam Blake Caldwell
William Clay Clodfelter
Erica Montine Coln
Kiersten King Couglin

Jacqueline Yvonne DeJesus
John Blake Drewry
Bailey S. Evans
Rachel Dawn Farrell
Samantha Krystine Harris
Cameron Alan Holton
Hannah Elizabeth Leicht
Zachary Lee Knight
Justin Eduardo Marsigili
Justin Alan Mayfield
Tanner Robert McFeeters

Spencer James Nichols
John Stephen Petzoid
Caitlyn S., Reinauer
Mary Elizabeth Rudisill
Tyler Lewis Sciaudone
Robert Alan Squire
Jullian Nicole Tabak
Andrew Patrick Tiernan
Dylan T. Watts
Madison John Yeazel

Master of Public Administration

Spencer Katy Anhalt
Margaret Reams Bizzell
Marion P Blackburn
Ivy Townley Cheek
Kellianne Elizabeth Davis

Andrew Davis Evans
Lindsay Ann Gold
Alaric Shemal Martin
Amanda Johnson Pantelidis
Ashley Christine Qualls

Jared Stalling
Sapna Ann Varkey
Robert P. Villanueva Jr.
Kristian Michell Williams.
John Wynne

Master of Science in Security Studies

Patrick Kelly Coble
William Francisco Del Carmen

Tashaun Terrell Hill
Juliana O. Jalal
Joshua L. Laws

Angela Christine Meredith
Matthew Terrell Stone

Graduate Certificate in Security Studies

Walter Robert Carnes
Bradley John Dougherty
Nanette Gallant

David A. Ingling
Christopher D. Jasso
Audrey J. Lisk

Tyler Dale Richardson
HONORS

Outstanding Senior
Adam Blake Caldwell

Magna Cum Laude
Campbell B. Bentson
Kathleen V. Daniels
Bailey S. Evans
Joshua L. Griffin
Hannah E. Leicht
Tyler L. Sciaudone
Andrew P. Tiernan

Summa Cum Laude
Kaitlyn M. Nilges
Jonathan B. Richards

Cum Laude
Rachel D. Farrell
Mercedes T. Wilkins

Phi Beta Kappa Recognition
Jonathan Blake Richards

Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society
Mitchell Boyd
Elijah Michael Brown
Joshua Delane Cole
Victoria Ruth Eaton
Bailey Evans
Michael William Joy
Mia Andriana Leone
Casey Scarboro
Katelyn E. Webb
Ebony West

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society
Marion Blackburn
Ivy Townley Cheek
Lindsay Ann Gold
Sapna Ann Varkey

Fall 2015 Graduates

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Master of Science in Security Studies

Matthew Ford

Certificate of Security Studies

| Caitlin Boggs       | Bradley Dougherty   |

2015-2016 Scholarships Award Recipients

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Post-Graduation Plans

We are frequently asked what our graduates are doing once they leave ECU. Here is what the fall 2014 and spring 2015 graduates indicated they planned to do after graduation. As you can see our graduates go into many fields!

Graduate School

Divinity School
Drexel University for a Master's in Public Policy
ECU Master of Arts in International Studies
ECU Master of Public Administration
ECU Master of Science in Security Studies
Georgetown University Biohazards and Emerging Infectious Diseases Graduate Program
Master of Arts in Teaching - Social Studies Education
Master of Business Administration
Master of Social Work
Meredith College's Paralegal Program
North Carolina State University Master of Arts in International Studies
North Carolina State University Masters of Public Administration
North Carolina State University's School of Public and International Affairs PhD
University of Missouri, St. Louis

Military
North Carolina Army National Guard Intelligence Operations
Officer Candidate School with the U.S. Navy
US Army Second Lieutenant Infantry Officer
US Army Second Lieutenant Transportation Officer
US Coast Guard

Careers
Business Systems Analyst at ECU
Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Operations Management Development
Community Care Plan of Eastern Carolina at Vidant Medical Center
Director of Public Affairs at Pamlico Community College
Downtown Development Coordinator with the City of Rocky Mount
Economic Development
Facility Manager, US Custom House in Baltimore for the US GSA
Healthcare Administration
Investigator and Public Information Officer, State of New Mexico
Law Enforcement
North Carolina General Assembly
Pitt County employee
Study Abroad Advisor, UT Arlington
Teaching for the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division
U.N. Consultant and Representative to ECOSOC

Student Activities

Our students are active in many ways during their academic careers. Here is a sample of those activities from the 2014-2015 academic year.


Townley Cheek, Alaric Martin, and Sapna Varkey – all MPA students, worked with on a grant from Vidant Health to strengthen the capacity of a number of non-profit agencies in North Carolina during spring 2015. Dana Meadows, an undergraduate student, continued some of this work in the fall 2015 term.

Kellianne Davis – was a Management Intern with the City of Rocky Mount during the 2014-2015 academic year.
Kellianne Davis and Sapna Varkey – competed in the GSPA Policy Competition held in Atlanta, GA representing ECU and came in 1st runner up.


Gray Gaertner – interned with the organization, No Labels (Summer 2015)


Chris Hetland – interned with the City Manager’s Office in Greenville, NC during summer 2015.

Trey Lewis – interned with Senator Richard Burr (Spring 2015) and was recently as mayor Macclesfield, NC. He is the youngest mayor in North Carolina.

Anna Phillips – interned with the organization, Aim Higher Now (Summer 2015)

Ashley Qualls – was awarded an ICMA Fellowship in Rockingham County, North Carolina for fall 2015.

Jared Rouse – currently interning with the Goldsboro Fire Department (Fall 2015)

Jared Stalling – was awarded an ICMA Fellowship in Aurora, Colorado for fall 2015.

A Profile of an Alum – Cate McCanless

We would like to include profiles of our alums like this one of Cate McCanless in our spring newsletters as a way of recognizing your accomplishments. If you would like to submit a profile or suggest someone who should be recognized, please let us know. We are very pleased to present this profile of Cate McCanless!

Cate McCanless, ‘03, a senior policy advisor based in the Washington, D.C., office of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Shreck, received the Professional Women in Advocacy’s Excellence in Advocacy for an Up and Coming Practitioner award during the Professional Women in Advocacy Conference in 2014.

The Excellence in Advocacy by an Up and Coming Practitioner award recognizes early career achievements, and acknowledges the practitioner’s potential to successfully contribute to the field over time. Top lobbyists and executives from national trade associations, corporations, nonprofits, lobbying and public affairs firms and academia attended this event to celebrate the accomplishments of exceptional women advocates.

“We are very proud of Cate’s accomplishment. She provides robust leadership to the health care practice at Brownstein by bringing a strong network of relationships combined with subject matter expertise,” said Marc Lampkin, managing partner of Brownstein’s Washington, D.C., office and co-chair of the firm’s Government Relations Department. “Cate is well-respected on both sides of the aisle for her strong substantive knowledge in health care policy.”

With more than 12 years of legislative, regulatory and political experience, Cate supports Brownstein health care clients in achieving public policy objectives. During her career, she has represented and advised clients across the health care spectrum, including physician organizations,
hospitals, consumer organizations, health care information technology companies, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, nonprofit organizations and other health care organizations with regard to federal health care programs and policies. Her track record of public policy advocacy is extensive. She has represented numerous large and small health care corporations and trade associations before executive branch agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Veterans Administration, and before Congress. Bringing an in-depth and extensive network of bipartisan relationships along with years of substantive subject matter expertise to her public policy advocacy, Cate is uniquely able to provide clients with strategic advice and insights that help frame legislative and regulatory debates and advance clients’ public policy agendas. Founded in 1968, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck practices in the areas of real estate, natural resources, public policy, corporate and litigation.

Contributions to the Department

Advancement and Advisory Councils

We are supported in developing our academic programs by many individuals who help us by serving on various external bodies. We thank them for their help!

If you too are interested in serving, please let us know.

Political Science Advancement Council

Steven D. “Pete” Benton
Angela Cline
Melonie T. Bryan
Jonathan Brooks

Scott Dixon
Susan McIntire
Wayne Holloman

MPA Advisory Council

Patrice Alexander
Alexandra Boncek
Melonie T. Bryan
Travis Cowan
Benjamin Davis
Tina Dixon
Scott Elliot
Kenny Flowers
Duane Holder
Brandon Holland

Ken Hunter
Lynne James
Judy Jennette
Niki Jones
Barbara Lipscomb
Heidi Pope
Judy Ruffin
Scott Stevens
Jim Smith
Financial Support

Each year, the Department is able to award a number of scholarships to our undergraduate and graduate students. These awards are made possible through generous support from the donors listed below. Thank you!

New Scholarships

We are pleased to announce three new scholarships. One donor who wishes to remain private has made an estate commitment for a new scholarship to be created later – much later we hope! Never-the-less, we wish to thank her!

We also wish to thank Mrs. Elinore A. Halley for the new scholarship she created this past year in honor of her late daughter, Patricia.

We also wish to thank Mr. James D. Warlick for the scholarship he recently established to honor Dr. Roger Sharpe.

Members of the $1,000 Club

These supporters donated $1,000 or more to the department since October 2014.

Elinore A. Halley  Timothy Charles Morris
James D. Warlick

Donor Support (2014-15)

Marc Stuart Adler  Victoria Ruth Eaton
Jody C. and Lei S. Baumgartner  Timothy Dale Edwards
Vernon Thomas Banks  Bailey S. Evans
Tema M. Barnes Bryan Lee Bennett  Donald L. and Wilma D. Gaylor
Margaret Reams Bizzell  Scott Hill Gibson
Susan F. Bouchard  Douglas Lindsey Hobbs
Mitchell James Boyd  Clifton J. and Leslie Holcombe
Joseph Daniel and Patricia Steigerwald Brennan, Jr  Pierre De Holloman
Cheri Pazur Brown  John M. and Gladys D. Howell
Richard Scott and Therese V. Calvin  Robert Charles Ittig
Herbert R. and Virginia Gray Carlton  Damon Prescott Johnson
Michael Carpenter  Richard Jones
Civitan Club of Greenville  Max Ray Joyner Sr.
John B. Clark  Paton H. and Anne Kelley
Byron F. and Anke Lilly Clodfelter  Armin Krishnan
Joshua Delane Cole  Mia Andriana Leone
Beth Conner  Brad E. Lockerbie
Alethia H. Cook  Cameron J. Luke
Jeffery Lee Donald  Alaric Shemal Martin
Thomas Floyd Eamon  Bonita F. McCarson
Program Updates

Political Science
The Political Science Undergraduate program has been growing significantly over the last few years. This time two years ago, there were 142 Political Science majors. Now we have 235 majors. This growth in students is a direct result of our outstanding faculty and dynamic course offerings. Also, led by Dr. Baumgartner, we have created an exciting new set of course offerings for the 2016 presidential election season. The spring course will focus on the candidates, issues, and election events during the primaries, and the fall course will examine the general election. In coordination with these courses, the Department of Political Science will be sponsoring several campus-wide events that focus on different aspects of the electoral process, such as the Iowa Caucuses, the New Hampshire Primary, Super Tuesday, and the debates.

We also completed an internal university review of our non-MPA academic programs. This process involved a team of three members, two of whom were external to the university and a third member from within the university. They reviewed our programs and gave us a very favorable review with some good suggestions about where we might make improvements. Many of those suggestions have been included in our planning documents and already begun being acted upon. We continue to seek ways to increase our enrollment, expand our curriculum and keep it relevant, and make sure our academic structure is balanced and sustainable. We must also keep adopting to the funding changes that require us to become more efficient and effective.

MPA Program
Carmine Scavo became director of the MPA program again in August 2015 succeeding Bob Thompson. The program reports with pride its reaccreditation for the 2015 – 2022 period having gone through a rigorous review by the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) of NASPAA. The site
team who visited ECU in March commended the program particularly for the commitment of the faculty to the program and the energy and interest of the students enrolled in MPA classes.

The program also reports success with its reformulation of the MPA capstone course—the MPA Professional Paper. Beginning in spring 2015, the paper was reformulated as a group experience with three groups of students working on a common project.

The MPA students also formed a student chapter of the International City Managers Association (ICMA), successfully participated in a national video competition, attended the national meetings, and competed successfully for ICMA internships. Two students were awarded such internships and the third turned one down for another career opportunity.

In fall 2015 the program applied for permission from UNC General Administration to offer the MPA Program to a cohort of students at the Gateway Center in Rocky Mount. The students for this program will likely be employees of the City of Rocky Mount, Nash and Edgecombe Counties, and other public and non-profit organizations in the Rocky Mount area. Once approved, the cohort program will begin in summer 2016 with students taking most of their courses on Saturdays with the remainder offered online.

Dr. Thompson’s retirement leaves a hole in the MPA program since he was both Political Science department chair and nucleus faculty in the MPA program. The program is recruiting a tenure-track assistant professor who will become nucleus faculty in the program when he or she comes to ECU in fall 2016.

Guest Fulbright Scholar

This fall the MPA program hosted a Russian Fulbright scholar. Alena Nikitina, Senior lecture at the Urals Institute of Administration, a Branch of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, in Yekaterinburg, Russia has spent fall semester in Greenville working on her research and teaching. In particular Ms Nikitina has worked closely with Dr. Bonnie Mani in developing a syllabus for a new Human Resource Management course to be taught in the MPA program at the Urals Institute next year. She has also worked on two research articles—one each with Dr. Mani and Dr. Carmine Scavo—while also beginning work on a grant proposal to further the cooperative partnership between ECU and the Urals Institute. Ms Nikitina will return to Russia in January 2016.

Security Studies

Graduate enrollments in Security Studies have grown to 25 students in the Master of Science in Security Studies and 35 in the Graduate Certificate. The graduate program has instituted a new policy regarding the GRE requirement for MSSS applicants. Interested applicants may now have the GRE waived if 1) they completed their undergraduate program at least 10 years ago; 2) they have been employed in a security-related field for at least 10 years; 3) they complete the Graduate Certificate in Security Studies.
with at least a 3.2 gpa; or 4) they completed an undergraduate program at ECU from a department that contributes courses to the SECS curricula with at least a 3.5 gpa. These new options allow students to demonstrate their capacity to succeed in the MSSS program in a number of different ways that are likely better predictors of success than the GRE.

The Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies BA and BS programs were added in spring of 2014. Since that time, the number of students majoring in it has grown to 25! The program brings together courses from 17 different programs to provide students with a well-rounded education about security-related issues and governmental responses to them. Many students who are enrolling in the MULT: SECS program are also majoring in Political Science, strengthening both programs and the students’ educations!

Faculty News

Jody Baumgartner: Following up on his 2006 The American Vice Presidency Reconsidered, Dr. Baumgartner published The Vice Presidency: From the Shadow to the Spotlight (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015) this past year. The book examines the history of the vice presidency, focusing on the institution and its growth in the past 50 years.

David Conradt: David P. Conradt had a busy and productive year. He co-edited a special issue of the journal, German Politics, on The Civic Culture at Fifty: Change, Continuity and Challenges in the Federal Republic of Germany. In addition to co-authoring the Introduction, he wrote a separate article on post-unification political culture. The issue also features a contribution by Sidney Verba, the co-author of the original Civic Culture book, a classic political science work. Currently, he is completing the 11th edition of his German Polity book, which is now co-authored with Erich Langenbacher of Georgetown University. He is also working on the 7th edition of his Politics in Europe book. He hopes to have all this completed before his retirement in August 2016.

Alethia Cook: Dr. Cook studies national and international security, including weapons of mass destruction, the factors that influence the violence committed by rebels and terrorist organizations, emergency response to acts of terrorism, and responding to pandemic disease. She directs the Director of the Security Studies program at ECU and continues to work on growing enrollments in the Master of Science in Security Studies, the Graduate Certificate, the undergraduate Minor, and the new Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies BA & BS programs. This past summer, Dr. Cook completed a book on Weapons of Mass Destruction, which is under review. She also completed revising and resubmitted a book with Dr. Olson Lounsb ery on factors that influence violence in civil conflicts, which is also under review.

Tom Eamon: Tom Eamon has been elected to membership in the North Carolina Historical Society, an organization whose membership is limited to 100 living individuals. Though his book on North Carolina politics, The Making of a Southern Democracy, was published by UNC Press in 2014, he has continued to do a lot of speaking on the book and NC politics as well as radio, television, and newspaper interviews. He is now working on trends and recent changes in southern politics especially in North Carolina with a view toward updating his book after the next elections. Most of all, he continues to enjoy teaching and working with today’s students.

He also completed a book chapter entitled, “Campaign Finance: New Realities Beyond Citizens United” (with Wesley Y. Joe and Clyde Wilcox) in the third edition of the book, *Campaigns on the Cutting Edge* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2016). In addition, he continued to publish research on the effects of labor unions in American elections. His most recent study, “Labor Unions and the Mobilization of Latino Voters: Can the Dinosaur Awaken the Sleeping Giant?” (with Susan Orr) appeared in *Political Research Quarterly*. He has also given several presentations at conferences and as an invited guest speaker. In the fall of 2015, he discussed the evolution of campaign finance in presidential elections at the Northeastern Political Science Association's annual conference in Philadelphia, PA, and the rise of wealthy donors and Super PACs as an invited guest speaker for the Center for Legislative Studies’ lecture series on presidential nominations at UNC-Greensboro. Outside of his research, Dr. Francia continues to serve as co-director of the university's Leadership Studies minor program and as director of the department's undergraduate internship program. His teaching record recently earned him the department’s nomination for the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award as well.

**Younhee Kim:** Dr. Kim recently published an article “Contemporary Practices of Performance Management Measurement Systems in Korea” in *Public Performance & Management Review* and a book review “Carving Out Ways to Measure Competences of E-government” in *International Review of Public Administration*. Her paper “Productivity Changes in OECD Healthcare Systems: Bias-Corrected Malmquist Productivity Approach” in the *International Journal of Health Planning and Management* and her book chapter “Navigating the Open Governance Comfort Zone” have been recently accepted for publication. Dr. Kim presented two conference papers this year, “In Search of Excellence: Keeping Stakeholders Informed of Performance” and “Hospital Performance and Market Competition” at the *Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration*, Chicago, IL. She also served as a panel moderator and a panel discussant for three panels at the *Korean Association of Public Administration International Conference*, Cheonan, Korea in July. She was also invited to talk one of the workshop series topics for the Korean Faculty Interest Group organized by the Office for Faculty Excellence. Dr. Kim was elected to the Executive Committee for ASPA’s Section on Public Performance and Management for a three-year term, 2015-2018. She has also been an active committee member for ASPA’s Section on Korean Public Administration from 2011.

**Armin Krishnan:** Dr. Krishnan specializes in international security and intelligence. In 2015 he published two book chapters and one article. The first chapter deals with the limitations of space warfare and the second explores the coming issue of human enhancement technologies spreading to private military companies. Both chapters have been published in books by Ashgate (*Commercial Space Exploration* edited by Jai Galliott and *Super Soldiers* edited by Jai Galliott and Mianna Lotz). The article dealt with the American role in the Arab Spring in 2011 and was published in the *Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies*. Two articles have been accepted for publication in *Space & Defense* and *Behemoth: A Journal of Civilization* dealing with neurowarfare and domestic surveillance drones. In 2015 he has presented at two international level conferences, MPSA in Chicago and the ISSS-ISAC conference in Springfield, MA. The presentations related to covert action and propaganda. He is currently working on a book manuscript on neurowarfare for publication in 2016. In terms of teaching contributions, he has created and taught two new course: a graduate level course on *Intelligence Analysis* and an undergraduate level course on *The U.S. Intelligence Community*. His plans for 2016 include research into Russian information warfare doctrine and practice.
**Brad Lockerbie:** Dr. Lockerbie is continuing his work on religion, race, and politics. He had a presentation at the latest meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association that examined the differences among blacks who attended historically black churches versus those who attended traditionally white churches. He, along with Peter Wielhouwer of Western Michigan University, will be presenting work examining the differences in political engagement attributable to religious affiliation, theological beliefs, and religious commitment at the upcoming meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. He serves as advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha. Over the past year, the students have organized a workshop on graduate and law school admissions, as well as a presidential debate watch gathering. He was in frequent demand as a commentator on national and state politics for various media. He also continued his work as a beta tester for Apple this past year.

**Bonnie Mani:** Dr. Mani has continued her work on the topic of *Men and Women’s Perceived Value and Wages in the Federal Civil Service: The Human Capital Model or Location! Location! Location!?* by presenting it to several professional associations and submitting it for journal review as her research has progressed. She has also continued to work with the Pitt County Sheriff’s Office by leading a neighborhood watch (NW) for my neighborhood and seeking funding to conduct a quantitative analysis on NWs. She has also submitted a grant application, *Proposal to Identify and Incorporate Digital Video Disks (DVDs) and Live Performances in American Politics through Music and to Compensate Performing Musicians and Guest Speakers,* to update and improve her *American Politics through Music* course.

**Jay Morris:** Dr. Jonathan (Jay) Morris is in his second year as the Undergraduate Director of Political Science. He recently finished his term as Chair of the University Admissions and Retention Policies Committee, and now serves as Vice-Chair of the Faculty Governance Committee. In his research, Dr. Morris co-authored a book titled, *Politics is a Joke! How TV Comedians are Remaking Political Life* (Westview Press, 2015). He also published an article about his decade-long co-taught class with Dr. Baumgartner in the journal *PS: Political Science & Politics* (October, 2015). The article outlines how their “Crossfire” approach to teaching American Government from both a liberal and conservative perspective in the same class generated increased levels of interest in the Political Science Major. Finally, Drs. Morris and Baumgartner coauthored an article on late-night political humor with recent a recent graduate from the Political Science Department, Jeffrey Coleman. The article, which began as Mr. Coleman’s Honor’s Thesis, is forthcoming in the *Journal of Political Marketing*.

**Marie Olson Lounsbery:** Dr. Olson Lounsbery has recently published articles on the impact of terrorist group network structure on group lethality and longevity (in *Terrorism and Political Violence*) and the impact of foreign military intervention on rebel group structure (in the International Studies Association's new journal entitled *Journal of Global Security Studies.*) She also has other work under review, in collaboration with Dr. Karl deRouen (University of Alabama), which examines the impact of foreign military intervention in civil wars on peace agreement duration and provisions. She and Dr. Cook have revised their manuscript on tactical decisions in civil wars which is now under review with the University of Georgia Press. This fall, Dr. Olson is collaborating on an NSF grant proposal with Drs. Fred Pearson (Wayne State University) and Jeff Pickering (Kansas State University) which will delve further into the impact of foreign military intervention on terrorist and rebel group networks.

**Sharon Paynter:** Dr. Paynter received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor effective in August. She continues to serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Public Service and Community Relations. In that role, she secured a $100,000 grant from the State Employees Credit Union Foundation to begin a student internship program, the Public Service Fellows Program, at ECU.
Jalil Roshandel: Dr. Roshandel entered phased retirement in August. This means he will continue to teach half-time in our undergraduate and Security Studies Program for three years before fully retiring. He is working on a new book, *The Changing Middle East: Politics and Power in an Age of Revolution* which is under contract with Rowman and Littlefield. He has been invited and accepted to join the “Iran Academia”. Iran Academia is the First Persian online academy for Social Sciences and Humanities that offers “FREE” graduate degree to Iranian students who cannot have access to education inside Iran due to gender, religious, social and political discrimination. Established by a group of Iranian-American, as well as Iranian European academics, the initiative will be housed in Leiden University in the Netherlands. All programs will be online and free.

Olga Smirnova: Dr. Smirnova received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor effective in August. She and her colleagues, Tom Holt and Yi Ting Chua, are working on a book titled *Data Thieves in Action: Examining the International Market for Stolen Personal Information and Cybercrime* for the Palgrave Studies in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity series. She and Dr. Scavo have also been actively working on a grant project for the American Public Power Association and Greenville Utilities.

Carmine Scavo: Dr. Scavo’s promotion to Professor was effective in August. He along with Dr. Smirnova and MPA student Haley Thore are completing an American Public Power Association funded national survey of public power authorities’ efforts to further economic development. This project involved a national survey of the APPA membership as well as the preparation of eight case studies on public power authorities across the US. Scavo and Haley Thore delivered an initial report of the project to the annual APPA Customer Connections conference in Austin, Texas in October. Scavo also was scheduled to receive some $100,000 in funding from the US – Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program for a project to train faculty from the Urals Institute of Public Management in Yekaterinburg, Russia on distance education technologies but owing to changes in US policy, this funding was denied at the last minute. Current US policy states that no US funding can go to agencies (including Russian universities) that receive more than 50% of their funding from the Russian government.

Nancy Spalding: Dr. Spalding continues to be active with her classes and in advising students, including the College Republicans.

Bob Thompson: Dr. Thompson is serving his second year as interim chair and will retire in May after 35 years here at ECU. He is grateful for the multiple, wonderful opportunities he has had while here. He is especially proud of the students who have passed through his classes and his faculty colleagues. His colleagues truly care about their students, the university, and our discipline.
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