Welcome New Graduate Students
William Dixon, Interim Department Head

On behalf of my faculty colleagues in the Department of Political Science, I want to extend a warm welcome to the new students in the graduate class of 2004. The first semester of graduate study is a time for exploring new ways of thinking about politics and the political institutions and behaviors that define public life. It is also a time for re-thinking what it means to be a student. If there is one overriding goal of our graduate program, it is to properly educate and socialize our students into the profession of political science. Graduate training is professional training, and that means that graduate students are not merely students, they also assume the role of apprentices and, eventually, junior colleagues.

You will encounter much that is new and different in the coming weeks and months. Our aim is to provide you a broad exposure to the problems and puzzles that motivate contemporary political science. In the process we hope to stimulate, excite and challenge you. Ultimately, however, you will have to take charge of your own intellectual curiosity to chart a path toward a successful professional career. The faculty are fully prepared to guide, advise and mentor you along the way. Once again, welcome to the beginning of what we hope is an intellectually satisfying journey.

For all the returning graduate students and faculty, welcome back! For the incoming graduate students, welcome to the program! As you settle in to your new surroundings, I encourage everyone, both “new” and “old” to get to know each other. I strongly encourage you all to foster a sense of community; graduate school is much more interesting (and much more tolerable!) if you all recognize your common interests and common goals. Additionally, as the new Director of Graduate Studies, I also encourage the graduate students (again, both “new” and “old”) to feel free and stop by to chat about the program or about any concerns you may have. To facilitate this, I am usually in the office almost every day and so stop by as the occasion arises. Additionally, I’ve set aside Fridays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. to be dedicated office times for graduate students.

This is our inaugural edition of the Political Science Graduate Newsletter. Included in this issue are (literally) snapshots of our 13 new graduate students as well as our 2 new faculty members. Further, this issue contains information on upcoming Political Science conferences and information about current graduate students who are on the job market. We will periodically publish the PSGN as the need arises. If you have any ideas about what you might like to see in this newsletter, let me or Vickie know.

At any rate, good luck to everyone on this upcoming year!
WELCOME
2004 — 2005 CLASS

**American**

- David Marriott received his BA from the University of Missouri-Columbia
- Sara Sponaugle received her BA from James Madison University.
- Jeanette de Gomez Tejeda received her BA from Southwest Texas State University and her MA from St. Mary’s College.

**Comparative**

- Dilshod Achilov received his BA from the University of Maine.
- Amanda Driscoll received her BA from Gonzaga University.

**International Relations**

- Keith Grant received his BA from Bucknell University.
- Nicole Kayner received her BA from Arizona State University.
- Timothy McCullough received his BA from Santa Clara University.
- Candace Miller received her BA from University of South Florida.
- Annette Orozco received her BA from University of Arizona
- David Marriott received his BA from the University of Missouri-Columbia
- Erin Rice received her BA from University of Connecticut.
- Amber Ussery received her BA from Univ. of New Mexico and MA from George Washington Univ.

**Political Theory**

- Michael Lerma received his BA from UCLA San Jose State University.
Greetings, and on behalf of the Political Science Graduate Student Association welcome (or welcome back) to the U of A Political Science department and for many of you to Tucson, AZ. For those of you just starting the program, I think you have made a wise choice in selecting our department. Personally, it has exceeded my expectations and its reputation. In the last two years, I have come to a few conclusions that I would like to share that may help ease your transitions. You can count on, challenging and rigorous coursework, helpful and supportive faculty, and HOT SUMMERS! In addition to my personal thoughts, we have, set up a mentorship program to make this first year a little more bearable. Most of you are already aware of this program by now and I encourage you to draw on the knowledge of your mentor. They have been there and know the ropes. We all had trials and tribulations in our first year and are well aware that it can be overwhelming. We are here to help and if you need assistance or have questions feel free to contact any of us.

Fellow classmates, congrats we made it through another year. Thanks to all of you whom to mentor our first years and for helping strengthen the PSGSA. I am open for new and innovative ideas to make our association better. Keep them coming and good luck in the coming year.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Chad Westerland, Assistant Professor. Chad comes to us from SUNY-Stonybrook where he received his Ph.D. with a concentration in American Politics (Public Law and Judicial Politics, Political Methodology). His office is in room 331; 621-9780; cwesterl@email.arizona.edu

Jan Leighley, Professor. Jan was formerly a Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University. Her research in American Political Behavior concentrates on issues of Race and Ethnicity. Beginning in January, 2005 her office will be room 343; 621-9906
**GRADUATE STUDENTS ON THE JOB MARKET**

Below is a list of students of the job market. If you are planning on going on the market please see Brad Jones

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**THE ARIZONA NETWORK**

Below is a list of some of our recent graduates and their university affiliation:

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**TRAVEL**

Don’t forget to apply for travel funds when you submit a paper. Typically the deadline for funding for Fall conferences is September 10th. For Spring conferences, the application deadline is January 22nd. The application may be found at [http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html](http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html). You will need a letter from your advisor to accompany your request.

Applications returned by the deadline will receive priority. Any travel funds remaining after the initial distributions will be allocated to late applications and application for a second conference.

In addition, anytime you travel (if school related) you will need to notify Denise Allyn five (5) days in advance to file the appropriate paperwork, otherwise you may not be reimbursed. You will need to turn in receipts and a copy of the paper you presented to the Graduate Coordinator within one week of your return.
## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### September 2004

2 - 5  
**American Political Science Association**  
APSA 100th Annual Meeting- Chicago  
http://www.apsanet.org/mtgs/

### October 2004

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**Southwestern Political Science Association**  
CALL FOR PAPERS: Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
http://www.swpsa.org/

1 - 2  
**International Studies Association**  
2004 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West  
http://www.apsanet.net/ps/conferences/isawest.cfm

7 - 9  
**Latin American Studies Association**  
Latin American Studies Conference  
http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/

### November 2004

4 - 6  
**Pacific Northwest Political Science Association**  
Pacific Northwest Political Science Association  
http://www.lclark.edu/~pnwpsa/

5 - 6  
**International Studies Association**  
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-Midwest  

11 - 13  
**Northeastern Political Science Association**  
36th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association  
http://www.apsanet.net/ps/conferences/northeastern.cfm

### December 2004

31  
**International Political Science Association**  
CALL FOR PAPERS: International Political Science Association XX World Congress, Fukuoka, Japan  

### January 2005

6 - 8  
**Southern Political Science Association**  
2005 SPSA Conference  
http://www.spsa.net/conference05.htm

### March 2005

17 - 19  
**Western Political Science Association**  
Western Political Science Association 2005 Annual Meeting  
http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa/

23 - 26  
**Southwestern Political Science Association**  
Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2005- New Orleans  
http://www.swpsa.org/

### April 2005

7 - 10  
**Midwest Political Science Association**  
2005 MPSA National Conference  
http://www.mwpsa.org/content/default.aspx
MA / PHD / ABD Requirements

MA Requirements

580 – Methods in Political Inquiry (3 units)  Requirement units = 22
582 – Research and Methodology (3 units)  Elective Units Needed = 8
681 – Intermediate Research Methods (3 units)  Total Units Required for MA = 30
601 – Professions in Political Science (1 units)  (24 + units must be completed at Arizona)
602 – Teaching in Political Science (2 units)  
595C – Political Theory (3 units)
595 – Major Area (3 units)
900 – Paper (Defend) (4 units)

Defense of 900 paper by 3 person guidance committee

MA Guidance Committee Form - Completed by end of 2nd semester and returned to Grad Coordinator. Get form at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom

Master’s/Specialist Plan of Study – Completed by end of 2nd semester and submitted to the Grad College. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom

Rules for M.A. Oral Examination – Completed by Sept. 30 for Fall or January 31 for Spring (to be turned in for the semester you are taking exams). Get form at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom

Master’s/Specialist Completion of Degree Requirement – Completed day of exam and returned to the Grad Coordinator along with 900 paper. Do not fill in Thesis. Your 900 is not a Thesis. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom

Departmental Report on M.A. Examinations – Completed day of Exam and returned to Graduate Coordinator with 900 paper. Get form from Graduate Coordinator.

PHD Requirements

580 – Methods in Political Inquiry (3 units)  Requirement Units Completed = 41
582 – Research and Methodology (3 units)  Elective Units Needed = 9
681 – Intermediate Research Methods (3 units)  Total Units Required for Ph.D. = 50
601 – Professions in Political Science (1 units-overload)
602 – Teaching in Political Science (2 units-overload)
603 – Writing in Political Science (2 units-overload)
595C – Political Theory (3 units)
595 – Major Area (3 units); 595 – Minor Area (3 units)
595 – A third in one of the 2 other fields (3 units)
596 – Major Area (3 units); 596 – Minor Area (3 units)
699 – Prospectus (3 units)
Language (proficiency) or Research Skill (6 units)

Comprehensive Exams (written and oral) by 5-person guidance committee

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Ph.D Guidance Committee Form - Completed by end of 2nd semester and returned to Graduate Coordinator. Get for at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom.

Doctoral Plan of Study – Completed by end of 3rd semester and submit to the Graduate College. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom

Rules for Ph.D. Oral Examination – Completed by Sept. 30 for Fall or January 31 for Spring (to be turned in for the semester you are taking your written exams). Get form at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom

Application for Oral Comprehensive Examination for Doctoral Candidacy – Completed 7 days prior to Oral Exam and submit to the Graduate College. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom

Fulfillment of Language or Research Skills for Ph.D. – Completed and returned to Graduate Coordinator. Get form at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom.

ABD Requirements

920 – Dissertation (18 units)

Defense by 3-person guidance committee

ABD Guidance Committee Form - Completed after passing Oral Comprehensive Exam and returned to Graduate Coordinator. Get for at http://w3.arizona.edu/~polisci/grad/gp_program.html scroll to bottom.

Advancement to Candidacy – Completed after passing the Oral Comprehensive Exam and turned into the Graduate College. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom.

Dissertation Checklist – Go to the Graduate College (Administration Building – 3rd Floor) to pick up dissertation packet

Announcement of Final Oral Examination – Completed and turned into the Graduate College 7 working days prior to Oral. Get form at http://grad.admin.arizona.edu/degreecert/forms.html scroll to bottom.