Welcome back for the Spring 2005 Semester! The Fall Semester was quite busy with several students entering the job market, completing Ph.D.s (see page 2), and getting grants. In all, seven graduate students completed their Ph.D.s this past Fall.

Several of these students already have academic positions. Renato is currently at Grand Valley State University; Carrie is currently at Texas Christian University; Derrick is currently at the University of Illinois; Laura Landolt is at Virginia Wesleyan College; Laura Parisi is currently at the University of Victoria; and Sylvia is currently at St Mary’s College.

Additionally, many graduate students are on the job market. They are Geoff Cockerham, Greg Dixon, Pat McGovern, Gabe Sanchez, Joel Rayan, Robert Stewart-Ingersoll, and Teena Wilhelm. I encourage the faculty to give any assistance they can---i.e. pull any available strings---to help get this outstanding group of students placed!

Finally, I want to congratulate Sal Peralta, who was recently awarded a $10,000 grant from the Graduate School to do field work in Costa Rica. On that note, I strongly encourage you all to explore grant opportunities this semester. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI) has numerous opportunities for funding. I’d like to see more Political Science graduate students obtaining SBSRI money (as well as, of course, outside sources like NSF, Tinker, Ford Foundation, etc.). To find out more about SBSRI opportunities, go to the SBSRI website at:

http://sbsri.web.arizona.edu/
CONGRATULATIONS

Renato Corbetta
Chair: William Dixon
Members: Gary Goertz and Brad Jones
Title: State Partisan Interventions in International Conflicts

Carrie Currier
Chair: Pat Willerton
Members: Paulette Kurzer, Spike Peterson and Chia-lin Pao Tao
Title: Changing the Face of the Urban Economy: The Intersection of Household and State in Beijing

Derrick Frazier
Chair: William Dixon
Members: Gary Goertz and Kathy Powers
Title: Patterns of Third Party and Disputant Initiated Mediation in Militarized Interstate Dispute, 1946-1992

Laura Landolt
Chair: Paulette Kurzer
Members: Ann Betteridge and Mark Tessler
Title: Norms, Population Control, USAID and Egypt

Patrick McGovern
Chair: Pat Willerton
Members: Tim Duvall and David Gibbs
Title: A Three Ring Circus: The Disciplining and Commodification of Political Science

Laura Parisi
Chair: Mike Sullivan
Members: Bill Dixon and Spike Peterson
Title: Gendered Disjunctures: Globalization and Human Rights

Sylvia Rivera Manzano
Chair: John Garcia
Members: Brad Jones and Barbara Norrander
Title: Mas Capital: Latino Politics and Social Capital
HEADS UP

As you all know February 1st is our deadline for new recruits. Please try and keep the last two weekends in March and possibly the first weekend in April open.

First years, we will be looking to you for housing.

NEW PHONE / ADDRESS etc.

REMINDER: If you have moved, changed your phone number etc.

Remember to let the Graduate Coordinator know so we can update our records and change your PAF.

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

You will need a letter from your advisor to accompany your request. Applications must be completed at least two weeks prior to the trip if applying after the deadline.

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 the Graduate Coordinator 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

January 2005

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

March 2005 (Cont’d)

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

March 2005

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

April 2005

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

FUNDING / REFUNDING

If you are interested in an Appointment/Reappointment to a Graduate Assistantship, please submit the Graduate Funding form and two faculty recommendations to me no later than February 1, 2005. The forms may be found at: http://polisci.web.arizona.edu/grad/gp_program.html or at the end of this newsletter.

Under the new graduate program passed by the faculty last fall, the re-funding folder for each student will now include a variety of information. Reports from past TA duties and evaluations from faculty teaching seminars will be included as available. You may solicit two additional letters of recommendations from faculty members. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE SIGNED RECOMMENDATION FORMS TO YOUR TWO RECOMMENDERS, AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THOSE LETTERS ARE SUBMITTED TO ME BY THE DEADLINE DATE. Any late letters of recommendation will be the fault of the student, not the faculty member.

Students with TA positions are allowed to teach no more than one (1) additional course, whether in an Evening/Weekend setting at the University of Arizona or at Pima College.

The Department does not know how many assistantships will be available next year. We expect, as in previous years, that the number of openings will be limited.

If you have questions, please let me know.
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Deadline: February 1st, 2005

Name of Applicant: ______________________________________________________________

*Total semesters in the program: _____ *Total units completed: _____ *GPA: __________

*Total units of incomplete: _____ (excluding 900 or dissertation credits)

Please list the semester in which each of the following was completed: (use NA for not applicable)

_____ Masters Exam ______ Ph.D. Preliminary Exam _____ Dissertation Prospectus

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Funded Students ONLY, please complete the following:

*Number of semesters as TA or RA: ______
*Total units completed: _____ during _____ semesters RA/TA

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*Include current semester (Spring, 2005). If any figures are not the same as those shown on your most recent grade report, please attach an explanation.

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Submit signed copies of the Graduate Assistant/Associate recommendation form to two faculty members for submission to the Department in support of your application. Recommendations should be requested from those most familiar with your work: instructors, research directors, committee members.

Please list the name of recommenders.

_______________________________________  ______________________________________

Summary of activities relevant to appointment (e.g., experience in other universities, research or other positions held in the department etc.). Please add any comments or explanations which you think might be relevant to your application. (Use reverse side if needed):

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Signature:  ______________________________________________________
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
2005 - 2006

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT AS GRADUATE ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

Recommendation requested from: _____________________________________________________

TO THE APPLICANT: Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to inspect your records. Please indicate below whether you wish to waive this right.

___ I hereby waive the right of access to this recommendation.

___ I do not waive the right of access to this recommendation.

Date: ________  Applicant signature: ________________________________________________

TO THE WRITER OF THE RECOMMENDATION: Please use this form OR attach a signed copy of this form to your letter of recommendation. (Please submit to Vickie by February 1st).

Signature: _________________________________________________________________
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