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Ruth Situma,
MA.POLS+IDEV (2011)
A special thanks to Ruth for all her work on this newsletter.

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As always, last fall and winter were productive and busy semesters.

Our department continued to grow and expand, with record numbers of students registered in Political Science courses and the continued popularity of our collaborative programs, including International Development, Criminal Justice and Public Policy, and Environmental Governance.

Fall was also a semester of changes. Both Fred Eidlin and Brian Woodrow announced their retirements and I would like to thank them for the tremendous contribution they made to the department over

their long years of service. They will certainly be missed.

Department members were also honoured in several different venues. Ian Spears was the recipient of an UGFA teaching award. Dennis Baker, David Macdonald, Judith McKenzie, and Ian Spears were all recognized at this year's Campus Authors event for their book publishing accomplishments. Recently, Craig Johnson and Ian Spears were recognized by the Student Senate Caucus & Undergraduate Academic Information Centre for their excellence in teaching. Congratulations to all.

NOTE: Our Chair Byron Sheldrick is currently on sabbatical (July 2011-July 2012). During this interim, Troy Riddell is our Acting Chair.

The 2011-2012 academic year looks to be a promising one for the Department. We welcome Tamara Small as a new faculty member. Her research interests in social media and political parties adds a timely new dimension to Canadian politics and policy capacity. However, we will miss

faculty members currently on leave: Byron Sheldrick, Candace Johnson and Theresa Lee. In addition to our new faculty, we have also launched a new website that will better profile our Department and its people. A special thanks to Debbie Bowie for shepherding this project to completion. I look forward to working with Debbie, as well as Gerie and Renée, again in my capacity as Acting Chair. Finally, it appears as though we will again have



*The MacKinnon Building:
Photo courtesy University of Guelph.*

strong numbers of students and high quality students at the graduate and undergraduate levels in both Political Science and our collaborative programs.

Best wishes to all for 2011-2012.

MA AND PhD UPDATE



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The 2010-11 semesters were productive for the Political Science graduate program. August 2010 saw the first qualifying examinations for our first PhD cohort with the second round of qualifying exams for the F10 PhD cohort held this summer. Each exam consisted of a five day written component and an oral defense in early September. Candidates were examined on a variety of questions covering the two major fields in our PhD: Comparative Politics and Governance and Public Policy. The department congratulates our first PhD cohort, Mark Mitchell, Sarah Pugh, Kent Schroeder, Vito Totino, Matthew Wadsworth and Mohammad Yaghi on successfully completing their qualifying exams.

These candidates are now revising their doctoral research proposals, with fieldwork at a number of empirical sites. Kent is in Bhutan, South Asia while Sarah is stationed in Cape Town, South Africa.

Our F10 cohort of 13 MAs and 3 PhDs are currently pursuing a wide range of interests that includes the study of refugee

policy in Canada, corruption in Nigeria, environmental displacement in South Asia and state building in the Middle East. This fall, we welcomed 15 MAs and three PhDs to the new cohorts.

Congratulations to those MA students who successfully completed their MA degrees in 2010-2011, including: Alex Barlow, Rachael Calleja, Julia Calvert and Tristan Dineen. Tristan's thesis: *Moral Followership and Modern Tyranny* is available in paperback at Amazon.ca.

Other MA graduates include Jessica Dutton, Adam Flores, Adrienne Hood, Doug Howat, Jonathan Lemmond, Luisa Lucero, Caitlyn McCann, Eamon O'Flynn, Tyler Orchard, Marianne Pemberton, Tamara Popovic, Callie Sanderson, Andrea Shalay, Ruth Situma (who toiled long and hard as an associate editor of this newsletter), Jeff Smith, Morgan Wheeldon, Zhuanhua Ye and Amber Zimmer.

Other recent graduates include Milica Velemir, currently with the Ontario Ministry of

Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and Sheldon Reiche recently hired as a Municipal Advisor in Sudbury. Jenny Fender is currently pursuing her PhD in Political Science at the University of Toronto, and Jennifer Allan is in the first year of the Political Science PhD at UBC. Tamara Popovic (MA, Public Policy 2010) was hired as a Research and Policy Analyst with the College Student Alliance (CSA) in February. She is one of five full-time staff members at the student advocacy organization in Toronto. Finally, one of our earliest graduates, Rob Leone won a close race against the Liberal candidate Kathryn McGarry, defeating her by about 2,000 votes to hold the Conservative seat for Cambridge and North Dumfries on October 6, 2011. If you wish to apply for our MA or PhD program, please note that we have a new deadline: January 16, 2012. By that date, we require all applications and supporting documents.

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/polisci/masters/how-apply>

POLI SCI UNDERGRAD COMMITTEE

Students who have any questions or concerns regarding course selection, course waivers or the Honors Thesis may consult with our Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

This year's Undergraduate Committee includes:

Professor Ian Spears, Undergraduate Coordinator (ispears@uoguelph.ca)

Professor Tamara Small, Committee Member (t.small@uoguelph.ca)

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Committee office hours will be posted in the Political Science department, fifth floor, MacKinnon (office block).

UNITED WE STAND: Our newly redesigned Political Science website had its grand debut at the end of August. Check our site for this year's United Way fundraisers. Troy Riddell and Debbie Bowie are this year's reps: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/polisci/>

New Faculty: Tamara A. Small

The Political Science department welcomes our newest faculty member, Professor Tamara A. Small (PhD, Queen's University).

Professor Small's research is focused on the use of digital technologies by Canadian political elites.

In addition to conducting research on e-campaigning in the last five Canadian federal elections, she has published work on Twitter, blogging by Canadian parliamentarians

and on the regulatory framework for the Internet in national and sub-national elections in Canada.

She will be examining the use of old and new media in the 2011 Ontario election.



*Professor Tamara Small has joined our department. This fall she teaches POLS*2300 Canadian Government and POLS*4140 Conceptions of Canada. Photo courtesy: Tamara Small.*

FORMALLY SUCCESSFUL

*By Courtney McCarthy,
2010-11 Political Science Society President*

The Political Science and CJPP Society's first Winter Formal was held March 10, 2011 at Guelph's Cutten Club,



Political science undergraduate students enjoyed a night of fine food and dancing at the first Political Science Society formal, held in March 2011 at the Cutten Club.

quickly selling out. Stylish students and faculty enjoyed amazing food and great music, with door prizes raising almost \$200.00 for the United Way.

Everyone had an amazing time displaying great moves on the dance floor.

Staff and faculty in attendance included Chair Byron Sheldrick, Professor Carol Dauda, Professor Judith McKenzie, and administrative staff Debbie Bowie and Gerie McCauley. A local Guelph DJ from Soundsation Entertainment entertained with some oldies which prompted a sing-along! The event was a resounding success and both societies hope to continue the tradition in the future.

As the outgoing Political Science Society President, I wish to express my thanks to the Political Science and Sociology Departments for their support with this event. I am now pursuing an MA in public policy and public administration at Concordia. I extend a warm welcome to Jessica DeNardis, our incoming Political Science Society President.

Please feel free to drop Jessica a line at: jdenardi@uoguelph.ca

Peer Program Update



**Professor Carol Dauda,
Peer Contact Coordinator**

This fall, we are embarking upon the fifth year of our Peer Contact Program in the Department of Political Science. Third and fourth year majors volunteer to keep in contact with political science majors and other politics students to discuss the program and share their commitment, enthusiasm and insights.

The first year of university in Political Science is very challenging and we especially want new majors to benefit from the experience of the Peers who have al-

ready made a successful transition.

The first event for the 2011-12 Peer Contacts was to interact with new majors at orientation. In their discussions they were able to answer many questions and learn about the interests of the new cohort entering our program.

The Peers are hosting our Politics and Pizza night Wednesday September 28th 5:30-7 pm, MACK 229. It is a great chance to meet political science students and faculty!

See the Peer profiles on the department's website : <http://www.uoguelph.ca/polisci/undergraduate-studies/peer-contacts>

Join us on Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/groups/355840207524/>, "University of Guelph: Political Science Peer Contacts" and follow us on Twitter: @PoliSciPeers : <http://twitter.com/#!/PoliSciPeers>.



Professor Carol Dauda (centre) with the 2011-2012 Peer Helpers. Photo courtesy: Political Science Website.

CCJP PROGRAM UPDATE



Professor Troy Riddell,
MA.CCJP Graduate Coordinator

NOTE: The application deadline for our program is February 1, 2012.

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Last Fall, the Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy (CCJP) MA program had its largest cohort to date: 17 students including one from New Brunswick and another from China. We believe that these numbers are indicative of the growing popularity of this relatively young collaborative program.

We are also seeing a rise in applicants from universities other than Guelph. This trend continues with 13 new students joining this fall's cohort. The number of applications to our program continues to rise each year.

This year's cohort is highly competitive both academically and experientially. Research interests include how fundamentalist ideological organizations defy human liberties within developing societies; whether democratic dialogue/coordinate interpretation still occurs in Canada; an examination of Supreme Court rulings; victim dissatisfaction, hyper-incarceration and the retributive paradigm and exploration of restorative initiatives.

We are also pleased that students from previous cohorts are finding success. Some have gone on to further their education in PhD programs or law school, while others have found employment (either full-time or with internships) in policing, court offices, Crown's offices and border patrol services among other areas.

At a spring retreat CCJP faculty from the departments of Political Science and Sociology and Anthropology discussed ways to tweak the current program and began discussions about future directions for CCJP, such as the feasibility and desirability of adding a PhD program.

Freedom of Speech

Exercise yours! If you have story suggestions or questions, email

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GRAD REP REPORTS

Vito Totino (PHD.POLS), POLS Grad Rep

Vito Totino is a third year PhD student in the Political Science department. He obtained his honours BA and MA from York University. Vito pursued one of his passions — to teach, attending teacher's college at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. He is currently an Ontario Certified Teacher who is qualified to teach grades 7-12 in the subject areas of history and politics. His area of interest is public law and Canadian government. His dissertation research will focus on court delay in the criminal court system in Ontario. As the Political Science Graduate Student Rep, Vito has been able to provide a student's perspective and input in the decision making process in the departments graduate committee. Contact Vito with any concerns or questions at: vtotino@uoguelph.ca

Sarah Cahill & Joel Apps (MA.CCJP), Joint CCJP Grad Reps

Returning MA students Sarah Cahill and Joel Apps are the joint grad student reps for the MA.CCJP program. Sarah is originally from Hamilton, Ontario. She completed her undergraduate degree at Queen's University and her research interests include the legal, social and political responses to intimate partner violence/ homicide. Drop her a line at: scahills@uoguelph.ca

Joel hails from a small town in a great province-Tottenham! He completed his undergrad degree at Guelph in CJPP. His current research interests include the influence of emotions on offender decision-making and crime prevention strategies. In his spare time, he enjoys playing on the CCJP hockey team, mountain biking and creating abstract art.

You can reach Joel at: japps@uoguelph.ca If you are interested in joining the CCJP hockey team or ordering CCJP clothing gear, send your CCJP reps an email.

Note that the elections for the Fall 2011 Grad Student Reps for both Political Science and Criminology will be held via email at the end of September. Nominations will be re-

quested and nominees are required

to submit a short biography for inclusion at the 'digital' poll. Watch your in box for further details.



CCJP Grad Rep. Joel Apps poses with some of his abstract work. Photo courtesy: Joel Apps.

CIDA Internships: illuminating experience and employment *by Marianne Pemberton*

CIDA internships are a great way to gain work experience beyond Canada, travel to countries and places that you may not have otherwise had to the opportunity to see, and improve your employability upon your return. Late in August 2010, my CIDA internship landed me in Guayaquil, Ecuador where I worked with the Ecuadorian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce to improve trade relationships between the two countries. I consulted for Canadian and Ecuadorian businesses on topics ranging from organic exports to corporate social responsibility programs and worked on international marketing projects and translation, improving business practices and priorities in a country with a tumultuous history when it comes to big business. I would encourage other Guelph graduates to pursue CIDA's International Youth Internship program.

The application process begins on the CIDA website, but collecting the details of each position requires a time investment to research the position and compile a competitive submission. Internships are posted on a rolling basis depending on the host organization, so it is worth bookmarking the website (<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/iyip>) for internship deadlines that interest you. Each host organization has its particular application process, varying from specific forms with limited space to standard applications requiring a CV and cover letter. Given the competition for these internships it is critical to not only carefully review and follow the procedures and deadlines for each job, but also to properly research your host organizations (in Canada and abroad) to demonstrate your fit. As with any job application, the better you understand your position, the better your chances of getting an interview.

Without a doubt, the experience I gained during my time at the University of Guelph gave me an advantage during the selection process. While having a Masters degree in itself gave me a bit of a leg-up as a competitor, it was the skills that I developed throughout my time at Guelph that contributed to my resume. Being involved with an internship at the Research Shop, conducting international field work and interviews, accepting research positions and conference involvement were all opportunities I took advantage of as a student and that increased my chances to build my resume once I finished my degree. When it comes time to apply for a compelling job or internship there is little that can beat practical experience, so take advantage of all the opportunities that Guelph offers you. It can be a great way to set yourself apart from the competition.

Enjoy your time in Guelph and best of luck in transitioning to your next exciting phase.

:Marianne Pemberton graduated with a Masters in Political Science and International Development Studies in 2010. Last February, she interned at the Ecuadorian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Guayaquil, Ecuador as an Officer in Sustainable Development and International Marketing. She is now back in her hometown of Vancouver doing research work in the private sector. She is also working with the NGO Fair Trade Vancouver.



Photo courtesy: Surma Das, PhD.POLS+IDEV candidate.

The Politics of Settlement

Outside, the roosters have stopped their morning crowing as a raggedy herd of goats nonchalantly wander. I sit in the kitchen of a house owned by the Catholic Church in the small community of De Dorns (Afrikaans for “The Thorns”), 140 km north-east of Cape Town, South Africa, in the Hex River Valley. A busy highway runs through the valley. On this side is a mixed formal/informal settlement called Ekuphemelini. On the other, directly across from where I sit, is an informal shack settlement aptly named Stofland” (Stof’ is Afrikaans for “dust”).

In November 2009, Stofland was the site of a mass displacement of mostly Zimbabwean migrant farm labourers, who continue to work in and around the area’s lush orchards and vineyards. In 2009, between 2500-3000 Zimbabweans were chased from their homes, resettling for months in tents on a local sports field. Shacks were looted and burned, people were beaten. The message was clear – “Foreigners, go home.” Many are documented and legally in the country, escaping the tyranny and economic desperation of Mugabe’s regime, but in the politics of anger and resentment, documents have very little relevance. This was not the first, nor has it been the last, incident of violence against foreign nationals in South Africa, almost always black foreign nationals from other African countries. Theories about the cause of the violence

abound. Some say the tension and violence is mainly a result of local competition for resources, and political manipulation by criminal elements in the townships who exploit the vulnerability of migrants and refugees. Others cite the frustration of the have-nots in South Africa and feelings of relative deprivation. Still others point to the slow and ineffective nature of post-apartheid service delivery. It doesn’t stop there. Other analysts study the lingering effects of apartheid in exclusion and racial discourse, while others tend to point a finger at the new elites in South Africa who have a vested interest in deflecting political attention away from themselves. Likely, it is a combination of these factors, manifested in specific and local ways wherever “xenophobic” violence breaks out. I am just beginning the third year of my collaborative PhD programme in Political Science and International Development at the University of Guelph. I am here in De Doorns as part of my work with a local non-profit migration and refugee centre based in Cape Town, called The Scalabrini Centre. Broadly, I am researching the opportunities and constraints faced by civil society in the region in effecting change in migration policy and practice. I work with the Scalabrini Centre three days a week on a project geared towards fostering integration and pro-

moting values of diversity, respect and tolerance in De Doorns. In doing so, we are working closely with a group of about 15 local people from various backgrounds, who come together every week as a group and work on the planning and implementation of different, multi-faceted programmes in the community, from HIV/AIDS awareness soccer programmes for kids, to the screening of documentaries and facilitation of discussions on farms, to holding community events in honour of specific holidays (like Human Rights Day, or Mandela Day). We recognize the complexity of the causes of violence against foreign nationals, seeking to address systemic causes and attitudinal change in the community, rather than providing band-aid solutions, or simply humanitarian aid when violence does break out. This work, and the connections that I have been making through the Centre, have been instrumental to informing my understanding of these local issues and in building the kinds of relationships that lead to engaging interviews and research, underwritten by mutual trust. I plan to return to Africa next year to follow up and fill in the gaps that will inevitably reveal themselves when I begin to compile my data.

Today, we check in with a local school, where some members of the community group we work with are implementing the 9-session soccer programme for a group of 13-14 year old students. When the kids run up to greet us, faces lit up with smiles and laughter, every effort we make seems entirely worthwhile. For that moment, there is palpable hope.



Photo courtesy: Sarah Pugh



In October Dare to Remember by J.P. Lewis

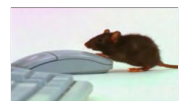
*Professor J.P. Lewis lecturing in his finest 1980s regalia to his POLS*1400 Issues in Canadian Politics class, Fall 2010*

During the month of October, the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) undertakes its annual **'A Dare to Remember' Campaign**, in support of 'turning the tide against HIV/AIDS in Africa'. In reflection of the amazing grassroots initiatives and daily efforts undertaken by those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, the 'A Dare to Remember' Campaign challenges individuals to do something beyond their daily routine. Last October 19th, the official Dare Day, students, teachers and professors, other working professionals, and retirees across Canada acted a bit strange. Some donned different Super Hero costumes for each day of the week, carried a canoe through downtown Toronto, held spaghetti dinners, wore sign boards, or composed and sang songs.

In my *POLS*1400 Issues in Canadian Politics* course, I chose to dress in the distinctive colours of the 1980s. Many of my students showed their wardrobe support. As well as dressing the part, I taught as if I had stepped into a time machine and travelled back almost 30 years. I taught the course using only technology available in that era. This meant that I could not use PowerPoint and none of the students could access their laptops. Our political discourse also reflected the time warp with Reaganomics and the impending Charter of Rights and Freedoms up for debate. During the month of October, the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) undertakes its annual **'A Dare to Remember' Campaign**, in support of 'turning the tide against HIV/AIDS in Africa'. In reflection of the amazing grassroots initiatives and daily efforts undertaken by those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, the 'A Dare to Remember' Campaign challenges individuals to do something beyond their daily routine. As well as dressing the part, I taught as if I had stepped into a time machine and travelled back almost 30 years. I taught the course using only technology available in that era. This meant that I could not use PowerPoint and none of the students could access their laptops. Our political discourse also reflected the time warp with Reaganomics and the impending Charter of Rights and Freedoms up for debate.

The year 1981 was a pivotal moment in the history of global health, economics and politics. That year the United States' Centre for Disease Control and Prevention officially recognized AIDS as a threat to human health. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was born. In the 29 short years since 1981, AIDS in the developed world has undergone an incredible transformation. Around the time of its official 'discovery', AIDS was largely considered to be the disease of homosexual men and was deemed untreatable. However, with the increase of education and the emergence of anti-retroviral medications in 1996, AIDS prevention and treatment grew exponentially in the Western world. As a result, it is now better understood and a much more manageable disease. Each year, the Dare you choose to undertake is up to you and extensive support from student organizers will be present up until and including the day of your Dare. You will be provided with regular help choosing and spreading the word about your Dare, linking it to your class material, fundraising, and executing your Dare. Ultimately, my class raised nearly \$200 for AIDS research.

*Learn more about the Dare campaign at:
<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/get-involved/a-dare-to-remember>*



Gone Fishin'

Janice Hicks, our IT expert and go-to staff member for All Things Digital has worked with the departments of Political Science and Sociology and Anthropology since July 2000. Here she compares her 30 lb. cod to her husband Gerald's slightly smaller offering. The pair were fishing near Janice's home town of Triton, NL this summer.

Photo Courtesy: Jan Hicks.



Mykhaylo Sheremet is in his final year of the Masters of Science program in Capacity Development and Extension, University of Guelph.

He completed his BA Honours in Political Science also at the University of Guelph. He has worked as GTA for five semesters in Political Science.

This impressive Lake Ontario salmon (15 lbs.) was caught on a beautiful June morning this summer.

*Photo Courtesy:
Mykhaylo Sheremet.*