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WELCOME NEW MAJORS

Political Science Majors (by concentration)

U.S. National Politics:

2013: Zoe Baker, Cassandra Bucceri, Joshua Claytor, Jordan McIntyre, Benjamin Strange

2014: Rita Frost, Deja Moss, Maggie Kortaba

International Relations:

2013: Kees Burns, Jenna Hohan, Adrienne James, Girard Ogletree

2014: Aaron Brown, Gina Christo, Babar Hillfram, Carolyn Hockey, Methawee Manupipatpong

Political Theory:

2014: Henry Phillips, Erica Rickey

Comparative Politics:

2013: Katherine Morton, Anna Rella

2014: Rachel Myers

IR Majors (Political Science Home Department)

2013: Robert Bansberg, Kathryn Crawford, Peter Hause, Patrick Schlick

2014: Douglas Chapman, Leigh Huffman, Adam Levin, Valerie McVey

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New Tenure-Track Comparative Politics Professor Hired

The Department of Political Science would like to announce the hire of a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics, **Michele Leiby**, who will join the Department in Fall 2011. Professor Leiby will earn her PhD in June 2011 from the University of New Mexico. At Wooster next year, she will teach Introduction to Comparative Politics, Politics of Developing Countries, Human Rights and Political Violence, and Latin American Politics. For more information on Professor Leiby's research interests, visit her website: http://www.micheleleiby.com/.

Thank you to all of the students who attended the teaching sessions and meetings with the candidates and provided feedback to the department.

ALUMNI NOTE

Erika Poethig '93, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been named editor for the new HUD publication *Evidence Matters.* HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan describes *Evidence Matters* as "a new publication from HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research that highlights the research that informs our work…Over the coming years, *Evidence Matters* will highlight policy-relevant research that connects policymakers at all levels, as well as researchers, advocates, and industry members, with clear, accessible, and timely information." To view the first issue online, visit: www.huduser.org/portal/publications/EM-winter2011.pdf

RECENT FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Professor Angela Bos Publishes Two Articles

Professor **Angela Bos** recently published an article entitled, "Out of Control: Delegates' Information Sources and Perceptions of Female Candidates" in the journal *Political Communication.* Using survey data from statewide political party convention delegates in four states, Prof. Bos investigates whether and how gender stereotypes influence nomination choice. To view the full article, see the faculty bulletin board in the political science hallway in Kauke. In addition, she co-authored an article, titled "An Exploration of the Content of Stereotypes of Black Politicians" in *Political Psychology* with Monica C. Schneider of Miami University.

Professor Mark Weaver Co-Authors Book Chapter

Professor **Mark Weaver** recently co-authored a book chapter entitled, "A Farmer Learning Circle: The Sugar Creek Partners, Ohio" with Richard Moore and Jason Parker in *The Citizen Effect: Pathway to Better Water Quality Outcomes* (New York: Springer, 2011). The chapter explains that agriculture is the principal source of impairment in the highly degraded Sugar Creek watershed in Northeast Ohio. The Sugar Creek Partners is a farmer-led grass roots watershed group in Upper Sugar Creek that has voluntarily pursued education and taken collective responsibility to implement conservation and remediation practices in their watershed. Social research on the Partners reveals the group's structure, scope and connection to the community and the stages by which the group took ownership of agricultural impairments and their responsibility to take action on their own farms. Beliefs and core values of their local community are critical elements in addressing water quality issues by a consensus, grass roots process.

Professor Matthew Krain Presents Conference Paper

Professor **Matthew Krain** presented a paper titled, "Do Economic Sanctions Against Perpetrators Reduce the Severity of Genocides or Politicides?" at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal from March 16-19, 2011. This study tests the effectiveness of economic sanctions in reducing the severity of ongoing instances of genocide or politicide. Professor Krain argues that sanctions should force perpetrators to reduce the severity of these ongoing atrocities in order to shift the spotlight, save their reputation with potential allies or trade partners, reframe their identity, maintain international legitimacy and domestic viability, and otherwise mitigate the "pariah effect." Ordered logit analyses of ongoing genocides and politicides from 1976 to 2008 reveal that implemented economic sanctions reduce atrocity severity by their third year of implementation, but not initially. Moreover, threats absent sanctions have no effect. Other methods of challenging perpetrators, including naming and shaming and challenging (anti-perpetrator or pro-target) military interventions also have significant ameliorative effects. Together, these results suggest that a consistent approach of challenging perpetrators may be the most effective way to reduce the severity of some of the most extreme atrocities.

Professors Lantis and Moskowitz Publish Book Chapter

Professors **Jeff Lantis** and **Eric Moskowitz** recently published a book chapter titled, "The Rise and Fall of the Imperial Presidency: The Bush Doctrine and United States Intervention in Iraq," in *Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy: From Terrorism to Trade*, Fourth Edition (CQ Press, 2011). The authors contend that the Bush administration dominated United States foreign policy after September 11, 2001. The case study explores the decision-making process leading up to the Iraq War, debates about post-war security, and the implications of executive dominance of foreign policy for U.S. democracy. This case is significantly revised and updated from the third edition, with new information about the role of General Petraeus and the evolution of U.S. strategy in Iraq.

Professor Bas van Doorn Presents Conference Paper

Professor **Bas van Doorn** recently presented a paper entitled "Polls and (Un)responsiveness in Presidential Speeches and Political Reporting" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. In this paper, Prof. van Doorn develops a theory about the prevalence of references to responsiveness, unresponsiveness, and polls in presidential speeches and political reporting, with particular attention to differences according to issue domain. In addition, the paper assesses whether the quality of poll reporting is sufficient for citizens to use it to evaluate whether their elected officials are responsive. Prof. van Doorn tests the hypotheses using a unique sample of *New York Times* stories and all presidential major speeches from 1946-2006. Results show a relatively low prevalence of such references, and provide evidence of poor poll reporting. In addition, there are interesting issue domain differences: mentions of polls, public opinion, and responsiveness are more frequent on domestic policy, while foreign policy either goes unaccompanied by such information or is presented in conjunction with discussions about unresponsiveness. The article concludes that there are "two presidencies" in presidential rhetoric as well as journalistic practice, and that neither presidents nor journalists do a good job presenting the public with information about how public opinion and politicians' preferences compare.

Professor Boubacar N'Diaye Publishes Two Book Chapters

Professor **Boubacar N'Diaye** recently co-edited and published a chapter in a book titled, *Elections and Democratization in West Africa* (Africa World Press). The chapter, titled "Mauritania: The Military, Elections, and the Elusive Quest for a Genuine Democratization," is on display on the faculty bulletin board in the political science hallway in Kauke. In addition, Professor N'Diaye published a chapter entitled "Parliaments and Security Sector Transformation in West Africa" in *Security Sector Transformation in Africa.*

Professor Bos Co-Organizes Conference

Professor **Angela Bos**, along with Professor Monica Schneider of Miami University, organized the New Research on Gender in Political Psychology Conference at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey on March 3-5, 2011. The conference, funded through a National Science Foundation grant, brought together junior and senior scholars in the field of political psychology who study gender to explore issues surrounding women as citizens and political candidates. In addition, the conference included a panel of political consultants to bring together academic researchers and campaign practitioners. The panel included Kellyanne Conway, Founder and President of the polling company™, inc./WomanTrend, Candy Straight, Co-Chair of the Republican Majority for Choice and a founder of the Wish List (Women in the Senate and the House), Celinda Lake, President of Lake Research Partners, and Manolo Gonzalez-Estay, who has worked as Campaign Manager, Communications Director, and Political Director on several local, statewide and national campaigns. For more information on the conference, visit: http://genderandpolipsych.com/

Q&A: Dr. Jeffrey Lantis Reflects on His Sabbatical Research, Fall 2010

Where did you conduct your research last semester?
I was on a one-semester research leave from the College in fall 2010, and I had a great opportunity to conduct research in Washington, DC. I served as a Visiting Scholar in the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University in September and October 2010. I met with a number of experts on nonproliferation, constructivist theory, and arms control in Washington, and conducted interviews with current and former policy-makers. The Elliott School was an excellent base for my research at the National Security Archive (located in the Gelman Library at GWU), the Library of Congress, nearby universities, and policy institutes.

What kind of research did you conduct?
I set out for Washington with a plan to develop early chapters of a book on nuclear nonproliferation, and my work also led to several journal articles. The primary thesis that I explored during my leave is that international norms, such as the commitment to curb the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, may be undermined through purposeful elite strategies. On a theoretical plane, my work set out to modify the constructivist "norm life-cycle model" in international relations theory by investigating dynamics of norm change, substitution, and contestation through case studies. I studied U.S. policies regarding nuclear cooperation agreements with foreign countries, and compared these with the policies of near-competitors France, Japan, Russia, and Canada. In addition to my own research focus, I co-authored an article on Australian strategic culture with a recent Wooster graduate, Andrew Charlton (Class of '10).

What was your favorite experience while in Washington?
I really enjoyed the opportunity to be in Washington during an exciting time in politics—the lead up to the November 2010 mid-term elections and a period of intense debates inside the Obama administration about the future of U.S. nonproliferation policies. I was able to meet with some fascinating people, including former policy-makers who helped shape arms control treaties in the past and current senior White House advisors to the president on national security affairs.

What did you miss most about Wooster while you were gone?
One of my favorite things about working here is relating to students through teaching and advising Senior Independent Study. I missed the opportunity to help craft IS projects with current seniors and share my immediate experiences in the classroom.

How will you incorporate your research and experiences while on leave into your teaching?
This is a key consideration for most research and scholarship work completed by faculty members while on leave. I gained so much information from this work—from archival research and interviews with policy-makers in the State Department, Defense Department, and National Security Council, and experts affiliated with policy institutes, including the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Nuclear Threat Initiative, the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

These experiences have already shaped how I have organized coverage of themes in my classes such as United States Foreign Policy and International Security. Indeed, I have added a unit on nuclear nonproliferation to the Security class and also plan closer collaborations with colleagues at other institutions for teaching (including Skype talks with my students).

In summary, I am really grateful for this opportunity and know that the work will inform my teaching of classes and advising Senior Independent Study projects at the College.

SPRING 2011 CLASS REGISTRATION

Advising Conference Dates
Class of 2012: Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 8, 2011
Class of 2013: Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15, 2011
Class of 2014: Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22, 2011

Registration Dates
Class of 2012: Monday, April 11 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Class of 2013: Monday, April 18 - Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Class of 2014: Monday, April 25 - Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Political Science Course Schedule: *Fall 2011*

PSCI 110	Intro to US National Politics	van Doorn, Bas	MWF 11-11:50 am
PSCI 110	Intro to US National Politics	Moskowitz, Eric	MWF 9-9:50 am
PSCI 120	Intro to International Relations	Krain, Matthew	MWF 10-10:50 am
PSCI 120	Intro to International Relations	Lantis, Jeffrey	MWF 1-1:50pm
PSCI 130	Intro to Contemporary Ideologies	TBD	MWF 8-8:50 am
PSCI 140	Intro to Comparative Politics	Leiby, Michele	MWF 1-1:50pm
PSCI 202	Environmental Policy	Weaver, Mark	T/Th 9:30-10:50am
PSCI 203	The Politics of Public Policy	Moskowitz, Eric	MWF 12-12:50pm
PSCI 210	Women, Power & Politics	Bos, Angela	MW 2-3:20pm
PSCI 215	Con. Law & Appellate Advocacy	Weaver, Mark	T/Th 1-2:20pm
PSCI 218	Political Psychology of Mass Behavior	Bos, Angela	MWF 10-10:50am
PSCI 224	Comparative Foreign Policy	Lantis, Jeffrey	MWF 10-10:50am
PSCI 227	Theories of International Relations	Krain, Matthew	T/Th 2:30-3:50pm
PSCI 231	Modern Western Political Theory	TBD	MWF 11-11:50 am
PSCI 235	Contemporary Feminist Political Theory	Weaver, Mark	MWF 1-1:50pm
PSCI 244	Politics of Developing Countries	Leiby, Michele	MWF 9-9:50 am
PSCI 247	Human Rights and Political Violence	Leiby, Michele	T/Th 1-2:20pm
PSCI 247	The Military and Democracy: Who Will Guard the Guardians	N'Diaye, Boubacar	MWF 11-11:50 am
PSCI 330	Research in Political Theory	TBD	TBD
PSCI 350	Research Methods and Design	van Doorn, Bas	T/Th 9:30-10:50am
PSCI 451	Senior Independent Study	TBD	TBD
PSCI 452	Senior Independent Study	TBD	TBD

Comparative Politics Special Topics Course Descriptions: Fall 2011

PSCI 247: Human Rights and Political Violence
Professor Michele Leiby

The 20th and 21st centuries have ushered in a period of unprecedented interest and achievements in the area of human rights. In this class, we will celebrate the successes and advancements of human rights initiatives around the world, while studying the areas in which progress has been slow or backslides have occurred. We will examine questions, such as: What are human rights? Are they universal or culturally determined? Why do governments sometimes violate the basic rights and fundamental freedoms of their own people? How do societies move on after mass atrocity? Each of the above research questions will be paired with an in-depth case study. Topics for discussion include: institutionalized racism in apartheid South Africa, wartime sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, election-related violence in Iraq and Iran, and land rights of indigenous communities in the Americas. By the end of the semester, students will have increased their empirical knowledge of human rights around the world, as well as the theoretical and methodological obstacles to the scientific analysis of human rights.

PSCI 247: The Military and Democracy: Who Will Guard the Guardians?
Professor Boubacar N'Diaye

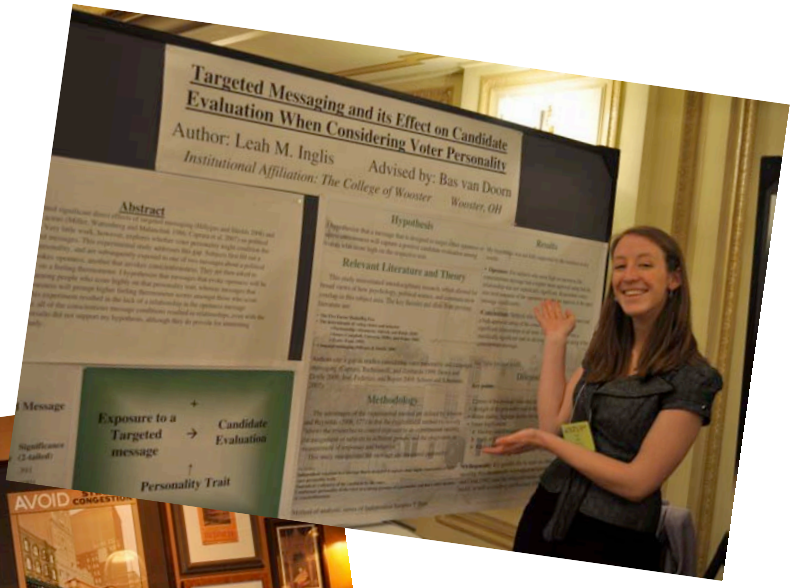
As recent events in North Africa and elsewhere in the world reminded us, one of the most enduring puzzles/questions in political science remains "who will guard the Guardians"? In other words, how can a democratic civilian order keep those in charge of defending and keeping it safe keep to that role only and at all times? When put to the test in a severe political and social crisis (domestic or international), what would the military institution do? Will it fully play its role, i.e. defend the institutions, remain subordinate to the civilian authority, or will it chart a new course for the state depending to its corporate interests, or worse, takeover altogether in a coup d'état? These questions are relevant to developed as well as fledgling democracies. Using a variety of didactic means, this course addresses these and related questions. It also examines under what conditions the military is likely to remain under civilian control and what socioeconomic and political variables are likely to lead the military to subvert, undermine, or indeed overthrow civilian governments. There is no prerequisite, though an introductory class in political science/comparative politics will be helpful.

Political Science Course Schedule: *Spring 2012*

PSCI 110	Intro to US National Politics	van Doorn, Bas
PSCI 120	Intro to International Relations	Kille, Kent
PSCI 130	Intro to Contemporary Ideologies	TBD
PSCI 140	Intro to Comparative Politics	Leiby, Michele
PSCI 205	Urban Politics	Moskowitz, Eric
PSCI 207	Voting Behavior and Public Opinion	van Doorn, Bas
PSCI 216	The Imperial Presidency & the Constitution	Moskowitz, Eric
PSCI 217	Media and Politics	Bos, Angela
PSCI 223	United States Foreign Policy	Lantis, Jeffrey
PSCI 225	The United Nations System	Kille, Kent
PSCI 226	International Political Economy	Krain, Matthew
PSCI 229	War and Peace on Film	Lantis, Jeffrey
PSCI 234	Contemporary Western Political Theory	TBD
PSCI 239	Special Topics in Political Theory	TBD
PSCI 246	Peace Studies	Kille, Kent
PSCI 247	Latin American Politics	Leiby, Michele
PSCI 330	Research in Political Theory	TBD
PSCI 350	Research Methods and Design	Bos, Angela
PSCI 350	Research Methods and Design	Krain, Matthew
PSCI 451	Senior Independent Study	TBD
PSCI 452	Senior Independent Study	TBD

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

A group of Wooster students and faculty recently attended the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago on March 31- April 3, 2011. Several senior political science majors received funding from the College to attend and present their Independent Study projects at the undergraduate poster sessions.



Above: Leah Inglis, a Political Science major, presents her Independent Study at an undergraduate poster session at MPSA.

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Back row, from left to right: Professor Bas van Doorn, Natalie Noyes '11, Leah Inglis '11, Sarah Minot '11
Front row: Professor Angela Bos, Liam van Doorn, Heather Madonia '09

Right: Linda Kuster, a Political Science and Religious Studies Double Major, presents her Independent Study at an undergraduate poster session at MPSA.