Greetings from the Chair

The last academic year for the department was one of very high highs and very low lows. In the wake of losing our beloved friend and colleague, Roy Grow, we lost Michael Goodgame, a major set to graduate in 2015, and De’Angelo Williams, an alumnus from the class of 2012. They enriched our lives and made us focus ever more intently on what is most important and that is one another. We remember them on page 15.

This year we welcome a new member to the department, Hicham Bou Nassif, who has already excited our students with his list of new courses on Middle East politics, human security, and international law. Professor Bou Nassif will reinforce our continued dedication to teaching politics across continents and cultures. Cross-national teaching and research is a key pillar of the major in political science and international relations, also reinforced by Professor Dev Gupta’s new spring 2014 off-campus program on nationalism in Europe. And we are excited about Professor Tun Myint’s forthcoming new OCS program in Southeast Asia in winter 2015. Speaking of Tun, we congratulate him once again for earning tenure this past year and for his continued work with our students in the Burma public memory project. We recognize Professor Steve Schier for his recent term as a Fulbright Professor of American Studies at Uppsala University in Sweden and for the publication of a new book on the presidency. Professor Barbara Allen continues her highly regarded work on the considerable legacy of Vincent and Elinor Ostrom. These are just a few of our faculty who have all published, traveled, researched, and taught at the highest levels this past year.

It is the achievements of our students that make our own professional milestones all the more delightful, and we had a lot to be proud of this past academic year. Heartfelt congratulations are due to our many prizewinners for their achievements in various fields. Judging by the success of our alumni, our students keep challenging themselves well into their post-Carleton professional lives.

We have much to look forward to in 2014-15: exciting new courses, a new OCS program, an impressive list of guest speakers and visitors supported by generous grants from the Harold Stassen, Wynia, and Congdon funds along with other resources. Many of our students will go abroad to conduct their own research; some will present their work at conferences and engage with alumni and colleagues in the professional world through internships and fellowships. The Department of Political Science is confident that our students will make the most of these and many other opportunities to grow and accomplish all that they wish for themselves. They inspire us, as much as we seek to inspire them.

Alfred P. Montero, Chair
Frank B. Kellogg Professor of Political Science

Introducing Hicham Bou Nassif

The department is pleased to welcome Hicham Bou Nassif, who will begin teaching this fall as a tenure-track assistant professor. He is completing his PhD at Indiana University, Bloomington. He also holds a Doctorate of International Law from the Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik, Lebanon, Law School. He has taught at Indiana University as well as at the Université Libanaise, Lebanon, Law School and the Université La Sagesse, Lebanon, Department of Political Science. He was a field reporter for the Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation (LBC) and has worked as an editorial assistant for The American Political Science Association (APSA) Perspectives on Politics.

Professor Bou Nassif is a native speaker of Arabic, is fluent in English and French, and reads and writes Farsi. His research interests include civil-military relations; authoritarian regimes; civil wars and ethnic conflicts; and Middle East politics. He has done field work in Egypt, Tunisia, and Syrian refugee camps in Turkey and Lebanon.

This year he will introduce courses on Contemporary Politics of the Middle East; Humanitarian Intervention and International Law; and Authoritarianism and Democratization in the Middle East. He will also teach two sections of the introductory International Relations and World Politics course.
The Identity and Belonging in Europe program took a group of 24 students to the UK and Hungary during the Spring 2014 term. The program started out in Edinburgh, Scotland, where we spent 5 1/2 weeks studying regional nationalism, immigration, Scottish identity, and the debates surrounding September’s referendum on whether Scotland should become independent from the rest of the United Kingdom.

To get a better sense of these issues, the group met with a wide cross-section of people, including scholars from the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow, politicians from various political parties (including the Scottish National Party, the Conservative Party, the Green Party, and the UK Independence Party), campaigners for Yes Scotland (pro-independence), and individuals working with the anti-independence Better Together campaign.

We then headed off to Brussels for a few days, which included meetings at the EU Commission and the Committee of the Regions. After that, the students divided into six research groups and departed for a week of independent research in a variety of Western European countries. Groups traveled to Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy, and investigated topics like the recent Swiss referendum to limit immigration, the experiences of asylum seekers and refugees in Germany, the inclusion of Muslims in French society, and the perceptions of and support for the regional independence movement in Venice and surrounding areas.

After this week of research, everyone re-convened in Budapest where students analyzed the interviews, documents, and field notes they had recorded, and then presented their findings to everyone. (cont. p. 4)
Identity & Belonging in Europe (cont.)
While in Budapest, we also delved deeper into additional nationalism and identity issues that were salient in Central and Eastern European countries: far-right parties, irredentist claims, and the treatment of domestic minorities, like members of the Jewish population and the Roma. To this end, we met with a representative of far-right political groups, lawyers working to protect the rights of Roma, and members of Budapest’s Jewish community.

After a few weeks, students departed for a second round of field research in Central Europe, looking at topics linked to the themes from the second part of the term. Groups went to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Croatia, and examined political corruption and its role in the rise of populist parties, minority language policy, Roma rights and mobilization, and post-conflict reconciliation after ethnic conflict.

Like before, groups spent one week in the field collecting data (mostly via interviews with political leaders, scholars, journalists, and NGO representatives), then returned to our home base in Budapest to analyze and present their findings.

Devashree Gupta is Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of International Relations.

Michael Sobaski talks about off-campus program in Europe

I have never felt as academically stimulated as I was during this program. The two weeks of independent research allowed each student to explore two topics and countries of interest.

This academic freedom required that every student was fully engaged and took an active part in developing the research design. While this independence was intimidating at first, it amazed me how successful we all were at securing interviews with political, academic, and community elites. I will never forget interviewing the Liga Veneta party leader in Venice, the Public Defender of Rights in Bratislava, or the "Ambassador" of the "Most Serene Republic of Venice."

The opportunities and lessons provided through this program not only changed my Comps plans, but also fundamentally changed the way I think about nationalism and identity throughout the world.

But the program was not all work! I also had an amazing time exploring the countries and participating in local culture. Personal highlights include wandering the streets of Venice late at night, being a part of the only group of patrons under the age of 55 at a pub in Edinburgh, and taking a quick weekend trip to Dublin with a few friends to visit the Guinness Brewery.

The trip was also a great bonding experience as I feel everyone grew really close over the 10 weeks. After all, there’s no better way to get to know someone than through family dinners, getting lost in a new country, or getting lost on your way to a new country.

The trip provided freedom for immense academic and personal growth. In 10 weeks I felt like everyone pushed their limits, learned something new everyday, and understood more about the world around them.

Lee Sigelman Prize

Erika Eldrenkamp ’15 was awarded the 2013-14 Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science for her paper "The Olympic Trojan Horse: Who Governs? Who Benefits? Who Pays?"

Erika wrote the paper for POSC 365 Political Economy of Global Tourism, taught by Professor Richard Keiser. She is a Political Science/International Relations major, with concentrations in Political Economy and Biochemistry.

The Sigelman Prize is awarded for the best political science paper written by a major in the Political Science Department before the end of the junior year. During his distinguished career as a political scientist, Lee Sigelman (Carleton Class of ’67) was renowned for his scholarship, leadership and wit. He was the editor of the discipline’s flagship journal, the American Political Science Review, 2001-2007.

Michael Sobaski ’15 is a Political Science major.
Tun Myint and Burma public memory project

During winter break 2013-14, Professor Tun Myint and his Student Research Assistant Jackson Bahn ‘16 traveled to Burma for 20 days to begin research on a public memory project on the era of student protests and unrest in the 1980s.

For Professor Myint, the experience of fieldwork with a student was immensely beneficial because it allowed him to reflect with the student on their personal encounters with Burmese culture, artifacts and history. Professor Myint believes that bringing interested and engaged students abroad allows a professor or researcher to have the “audience as a researcher right there,” which is helpful for playing out research hypotheses and having conversations about the changing nature of their research question and goals.

Along with their archival research and oral interviews Professor Myint and Jackson visited schools in order to further their understanding of public life as taught through school curricula, demonstrating “whose stories are taught and recorded” and discovering “how public memory is sidelined in the curriculum.”

“More so than would ever be possible through an off-site experience,” said Jackson Bahn, “I was able to pursue follow-up investigations and my own intellectual curiosity to get much closer to a true picture of the life, politics, economy, ecology, and culture of Burma.”

Documentary about Elinor and Vincent Ostrom

Barbara Allen began a one-year sabbatical in January 2014 to work on a feature film documentary about the lives and work of Elinor and Vincent Ostrom.

While a student at Indiana University in the 1970s, Allen was recruited by Elinor Ostrom (2009 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics) to study at the Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis. Today, she is a member of the Advisory Council and a Senior Research Fellow for The Workshop.

Allen’s vision for her Ostrom documentary, “Actual World, Possible Future,” took shape in 2005 when she began recording her conversations with Vincent Ostrom and interviewing people who knew the Ostroms’ work. She was the editor of six of Vincent Ostrom’s books.

Shortly before her death from cancer in 2012, Elinor Ostrom asked Allen to make a film about their work and research on the commons. The documentary is funded in part by a Hewlett Mellon Fellowship and by donations. More information about the documentary project can be found on ostromthemovie.tumblr.com/.

Allen gave a presentation entitled “Beyond Ostrom” at the Workshop on Economics, RLF Berlin in November 2013.

Barbara Allen is Professor of Political Science and Ada M. Harrison Distinguished Teaching Professor of the Social Sciences.
Stephen Walt to discuss U.S. foreign policy at Carleton

Stephen M. Walt is the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs at Harvard’s Kennedy School. He will present “Follies and Fiascos: Why Does U.S. Foreign Policy Keep Failing?” on Mon., September 29 at 4:30 pm in the Weitz Center for Creativity, Larson Family Meeting Room 236.

Stephen Walt has taught at Princeton University and the University of Chicago, where he served as Master of the Social Science Collegiate Division and Deputy Dean of Social Sciences. He has been a resident associate of the Carnegie Endowment for Peace and a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, and has also served as a consultant for the Institute of Defense Analyses, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the National Defense University. He presently serves on the editorial boards of Foreign Policy, Security Studies, International Relations, and Journal of Cold War Studies. He is co-editor of the Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, published by Cornell University Press.


Professor Walt’s lecture is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by the Department of Political Science with funds from the Harold Stassen United Nations Lecture Fund. A reception will follow the lecture.

Karrie Koesel on political education in contemporary China

Karrie J. Koesel will present “Learning to be Loyal: Political Education in Contemporary China” on Mon., October 27 at 4:30 pm in the Library Athenaeum.

Koesel is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Oregon, where she specializes in the study of contemporary Chinese and Russian politics, authoritarianism, and religion and politics. She is the author of Religion and Authoritarianism: Cooperation, Conflict and the Consequences (Cambridge University Press, 2014) and her work has appeared in Perspectives on Politics, The China Quarterly, and Post-Soviet Affairs.

Professor Koesel’s research has been supported by the John Templeton Foundation, the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the Fulbright program, the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), the Einaudi Center and East Asia Program at Cornell University, and the University of Oregon. She is also an Associate Scholar for the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs at Georgetown University; a Research Associate for the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame for the Under Caesar’s Sword: How Christian Communities Respond to Repression project; and a member of the International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes research network.

Paul Dosh on social justice in Peru

Paul Dosh ’96 will present “Demanding the Land: Urban Movements and Building Dignity in Peru’s Marginalized Neighborhoods,” on Wed., October 8 at 4:30 pm in the Library Athenaeum. He is a political science professor at Macalester College and director of Building Dignity, a grassroots development organization in Lima, Peru.

As a Carleton student, Paul Dosh integrated his interests in political science and social justice activism in the Americas. Now an Associate Professor of Political Science at Macalester, he earned his PhD at UC Berkeley and also taught at Carleton and San Quentin Prison. A Fulbright-Hays scholar, he is the recipient of several teaching awards, the author of Demanding the Land: Urban Popular Movements in Peru and Ecuador, and founding director of Building Dignity, a community center that trains emerging youth and adult community leaders in the informal settlements of Lima, Peru.

As an educator, scholar, activist, and poet, Dosh has been engaged with social justice struggles in the Americas for most of his life and has worked in ten Latin American countries.

Professor Dosh will present an engaging session of social movements scholarship and community-based activism, complemented by elements of spoken word poetry and documentary photography.
Steven Schier reflects on teaching and researching in Sweden

From January through June of 2014, I served as Fulbright Professor of American Studies at Uppsala University in Sweden. Uppsala is a beautiful and historic city, full of cobblestone streets and built around bridges over the Fyris River. My residence, a small house, was next to a hill on which still sits the castle of the Swedish kings from 1549 to the 1700s. The largest cathedral in Scandinavia, a gothic structure that is the national center of the Lutheran church, was two blocks away. Around the corner from my house was the hundred-year-old movie theater where famed director Ingmar Bergman saw his first film and which I attended several times. Bergman grew up in Uppsala, and I lived a block away from his grandparents’ residence, where the memories he accumulated there served as the basis for his Oscar-winning 1982 film, Fanny and Alexander.

Uppsala University is the oldest in Scandinavia, founded in 1477. Among its alumni are Carl Linnaeus, creator of the system of plant and animal classification still in use, and his contemporary colleague Anders Celsius, of thermometer fame. The philosopher René Descartes worked in Uppsala as a tutor to Swedish Queen Christina and later died there. The university has about 27,000 students, including many students and faculty from a variety of other countries.

The university’s American Studies program is headquartered in its English Department, where I worked with many delightful colleagues from Sweden, Poland, Spain, Finland, the U.S., England, Scotland, Belgium, Ireland, and South Africa. I taught a seminar on American politics to fifteen students from eight different countries—Sweden, Greece, Australia, the United Kingdom, the U.S. (all from California), Iran, Japan, and China.

Uppsala is a short train ride from Stockholm, a beautiful city that has been called the “Venice of the North.” There I interviewed members of the Riksdag, the national legislature, political scientists, journalists, interest group and think tank leaders. My research sought to explain changes in Swedish politics and policy since the apex of its “socialist period” under Prime Minister Olof Palme of the then-dominant Social Democratic party.

Since 2006, a four party center-right group known as the Alliance has governed Sweden under Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt. The governing parties are, in order of size, the Moderates, Liberals, Center and Christian Democrats. Their opponents on the left, in order of party size, are the Social Democrats, Greens, Left party (former Communists) and Feminist Initiative. On the far right are the Swedish Democrats.

My research resulted in a forthcoming scholarly article on policy and political changes in Sweden and the U.S. since 1970. Swedish policies moved in a market-oriented American direction beginning with an economic downturn in 1989. U.S. policies have moved in a more statist direction under Obama due to the U.S. economic difficulties of 2007-10. Thus each nation veered from its previous policy course—and toward the policies of the other nation—in response to economic difficulties.

I was able to attend rallies by most of the parties on the eve of the EU elections in May. These all occurred in orderly Swedish sequence on the day before the balloting at the traditional location on a street corner in central Stockholm. I heard speeches by Prime Minister Reinfeldt, Finance Minister Anders Borg, Foreign Minister (and former Prime Minister) Karl Bildt, as well as leaders of the Center, Left and Green parties. National elections will be held in September. At present the left parties are in the lead in the polls.

Sweden has a low crime rate and few security concerns in comparison with the U.S. When I was leaving the EU election rallies in Stockholm with my friend and host Dag Blanck, we saw Foreign Minister Bildt bicycling home, accompanied by a security person cycling alongside him and a staffperson following on a bike. I don’t think John Kerry travels through Washington, DC in that fashion.

Steven Schier is the Dorothy H. and Edward C. Congdon Professor of Political Science.
Honors for the Class of 2014

Members of the Class of 2014 were honored at the Political Science Department Senior Dinner on May 27 and at Honors Convocation:

Winona Weindling was awarded the James S. Berglund Social Science Prize. It was established in 1962 by friends and classmates of James S. Berglund ‘61. The prize is awarded annually for the best essay or research paper written in the social sciences.

Winona also was honored with the Williams-Harris Prize in African American Studies. The prize was established on history professor Harry Williams’s 50th birthday to honor his mother, his grandmother, and his great-aunt. This prize recognizes their respect for the transformative power of education, the vast richness of their life experiences, and the strength of their characters. The prize is awarded to a member of the senior class who has produced a distinguished integrative exercise on any aspect of the African American experience in the New World.

Courtney Dufford was honored with the David John Field Prize. The prize was awarded each year to a member of the senior class whose non-athletic activities best exhibit the qualities of imagination, ingenuity, energy, verve, and zest for life which David Field, Class of 1964, exemplified while living with his fellow students at Carleton.

Courtney also received the Class of 1966 Diversity of Achievement Award, which honors students who have made a unique contribution to the college or the community in diverse areas such as the arts, community service, student government, academic research, or other areas.

Courtney was also the recipient of the Carleton Social Justice Internship. This program was established in 2007 to provide financial support to students pursuing unpaid or low-paying summer internships or training programs in not-for-profit or other organizations promoting social justice in the United States.

A double major in Political Science and Environmental Studies, Courtney Dufford also was honored with the Mike Casper Award. It was established in 2011 by the ENTS program to honor the memory of Barry M. “Mike” Casper, professor of physics from 1966 to 2003 and long-time cornerstone of the environmental studies program at Carleton. This prize honors the graduating ENTS majors who best personify Professor Casper’s commitment to superior academic achievement and his energy and leadership in support of understanding and protecting the environment.

Matthew Fitzgerald received the Stimson Prize, founded in 1873 by Carleton Trustee Rev. Henry A. Stimson to encourage public speech. It awarded to the student who contributes most to the quality of debate or public speaking at the College.

Jonah Simonds received the Technos International Prize, awarded each year to a graduating senior with a record of academic excellence and an interest in promoting international understanding. It is balanced by a similar award given by Carleton to a student at Technos International College in Tokyo.

Jacob Hamalian was honored with the Dana Award for Personal Achievement. It was established in 1949 by Ellis H. Dana, Class of 1924, in memory of his grandfather, the Reverend Malcolm McGregor Dana, Trustee of Carleton from 1878 to 1888. The award is given annually to a male student in the senior class who has shown superior personal achievement in developing a balanced combination of high scholarship, exceptional leadership abilities, and outstanding character, and as a symbol of confidence in the promise of future attainment in his chosen field of public service.

Caroline Kryder received the Jean Schmidt Prize, created in memory of Jean Schmidt, Class of 1973. It is awarded annually to that student who embodies Jean’s enthusiasm for learning and love of people.

Jeff Berg received the Roy Elveton Prize, recently established to celebrate the career of Roy Elveton, Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science. The Prize honors two seniors each year who excel in the senior integrative exercises in the two fields. Jeff was honored in the Cognitive Science field.

Jeff Berg also was elected to the Carleton chapter of Sigma Xi, a national honor society. Membership indicates a student has demonstrated evidence of research potential in a field of pure or applied science.
Julian Pozniak was honored with the Carleton Toni Award in the Arts, which is awarded to a Carleton student whose character reflects the values, devotion, and spirit of beloved dance teacher Antoinette "Toni" Sostek.

Mortarboard national honor society recognizes those who have combined distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to their colleagues and the College community. Membership was bestowed upon:

- Courtney Dufford
- Aun Hussain
- Jacob Hamalian
- Alex Siemers

Phi Beta Kappa national honorary scholastic fraternity was founded in 1776. The Carleton chapter elects its membership from students who rank in the highest 15% of their graduating class. The following seniors were inducted into membership:

- Jeff Berg
- Jacob Hoerger
- Charles Nathan
- Evan Summers
- Kyohei Yazawa

- Sam Feigenbaum
- Aun Hussain
- Hannah Nelson
- Nathalie Sun

2013-14 Student Departmental Advisers Katie Blansett and Julian Pozniak were recognized for their service. SDAs advise first-year students and others about course offerings and the major.

Departmental Curriculum Committee members Kendall Davis and Aun Hussain were recognized for their service. The DCC evaluates curriculum, advises on requirements, organizes departmental events, and generally serves as the formal voice of students in all Department affairs (e.g., hiring).

Distinction in the Senior Integrative Exercise (Comps) was awarded to the following students:

- Ingrid Ashida, for her paper, “Planning Discontent: The Unlikely Rationale for the Liberal Republic in Montesquieu’s The Spirit of the Laws.”
- Jeff Berg, for his paper, “Fear and Loathing in Foreign Policy: Examining the Influence of Emotion on Crisis Response.”
- Courtney Dufford, for her paper, “Polycentric Flood Governance: A Case Study of the Greater Northfield Action Area.”
- Sam Feigenbaum, for his paper, “Mitigating Mob Rule: Restoring the Supreme Court as a Barrier to Majority Tyranny.”
- Will Gray, for his paper, “Emilean Self-Sufficiency; Or, Rousseau’s Education of Cosmopolitan Love.”
- Jacob Hoerger, for his paper, “The Structure of Bacon’s Scientific Revolution.”
- Caroline Kryder, for her paper, “Pulling the Emotional Trigger: An examination of the relationship between levels of political sophistication and the cognitive processing of negative political advertisements.”
- Charles Nathan, for his paper, “Circle-Men and Philosopher Dogs: The Aristophanic Perspective of Plato’s Republic.”
- Leah Rosenstiel, for her paper, “The Effect of Socialization on Party Identification.”
- Yuki Tominaga, for her paper, “The Power of Public Opinion & Renewables Policy in Japan.”
- Winona Weindling, for her paper, “School Choice as a Method of Reducing the Achievement Gap: Comparing the Effectiveness of Desegregation Programs & Charter Schools.”
- Kyohei Yazawa, for his paper, “Nietzsche's God: Questions Concerning Values in Nietzsche's Philosophy.”
Majors honored

Madeline Ulanow ’15 and Brian Kremers ’16 received Lipton Family Fund for Career Exploration Awards. This award is intended to support externships and other career exploration opportunities for students with financial need, to prepare students to lead thoughtful, caring, and service-oriented lives. Students are encouraged to discover post-graduation opportunities through this fund, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area when possible.

Hannah Anousheh ’15, Jackson Bahn ’16, Camila de la Vega ’16 and Julia Holewinski ’16 were awarded Service Internships in International Development. The Initiative was established in 2003 with a gift from Stephen R. West ’53 and his wife Phyllis M. West in honor of members of the Class of 1953 at its Fiftieth Reunion. This initiative awards grants to support internships for Carleton students who perform volunteer service through NGO’s or already established programs in the areas of international community development, including credit and business cooperatives, public wellness and treatment, literacy and education, and other public services in developing countries. The internships provide Carleton students with valuable experiences outside the classroom, which may motivate them to consider careers in international service.

Bailey Ulbricht ’15 was awarded the Paul and Lynn Kelley International Fellowship, which was created to honor Paul and Lynn, who have done a great deal to support and promote cultural understanding, including medical travels to Central America, years-long service to indigenous and tribal peoples, AIDS work, and much more. The fund is intended to support students with financial need for research fellowships abroad. These fellowships may be in conjunction with senior comps, in collaboration with faculty, or a project of student interest. Fellowship awards are intended for juniors to use during the summer prior to their senior year or winter break of their senior year.

Madeline Ulanow also was awarded a Class of 1963 Fellowship. Funded by gifts to the College from the Class of 1963, these fellowships enable qualified students to carry out independent research activities in any field taught at Carleton College, or to undertake projects in the creative or performing arts. The fellowships are meant to expand the number and range of opportunities available to students, and to pursue intellectual and creative interests outside the classroom over summer or winter break. Among the activities for which Class of 1963 Fellowships might be sought are laboratory, library, museum or archival research; fieldwork; and creating or learning to perform a work of art. Madeline also was honored with Writing Portfolio Recognition.

Zoey Gold ’15 received a Carleton Social Justice Internship. This program was established in 2007 to provide financial support to students pursuing unpaid or low-paying summer internships or training programs in not-for-profit or other organizations promoting social justice in the United States. Examples of qualifying internships/training programs include work in human rights, community or union organizing, environmental or social activism, conflict resolution, or community development. Support is provided by the Barry “Mike” Casper and Paul and Sheila Wellstone Fund for Community Engagement, the Clement F. Shearer Fund for Achieving Common Ground, the Interfaith Social Action Fund, and the Broom Fund for Social Justice.

Jacob Powell ’15 was awarded a Yueh-Townsend Asian Fellowship, created in 2014 by Emily Yueh ’02 and Seth Townsend. Emily was a political science major at Carleton, with a concentration in political economy. Her studies included an off-campus experience with Roy Grow on the Beijing Program, which ultimately led to Emily’s passion and curiosity for international studies. By establishing this fund, she is giving Carleton students a similar opportunity to expand their cultural understanding and complement their academics through study in Asia. The Yueh-Townsend Asian Fellowship Fund will support research or other experiences in Asia (defined as East Asia, Southeast Asia and South Asia) during either summer or winter breaks.

Phi Beta Kappa Prizes are offered annually by the Carleton Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; one to a sophomore, the other to a junior, each of whom in the previous year held the highest class ranking in scholarship among the members of his or her respective class.

Jackson Bahn ’16 was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa First Year Prize.
New books

BRAZIL: REVERSAL OF FORTUNE, by Alfred P. Montero (Polity Press, 2014) offers insights into the country’s transformation and its emergence to a position of prominence on the world stage. Once deemed a “dysfunctional” democracy with a “feckless” set of political institutions and a “drunk” economy, today’s Brazil has undergone a complete reversal of fortune, including its designation as the host of the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics.

Montero’s timely and wide-ranging book explores Brazil’s amazing “turnaround”—from improvements to the working of its political institutions and judiciary, to the renewal of economic growth, the advent of innovative social policy, and the emergence of a new foreign policy agenda. Unpacking both overly optimistic as well as pessimistic views of Brazilian politics and development, Montero offers illuminating insights into the country’s transformation and its increasing significance on the international stage.

"This timely book is a must read for anyone looking for a nuanced understanding of Brazil’s political, economic and social development over the last twenty years," said reviewer Anthony Pereira, Director of the Brazil Institute, King’s College London.


This history of presidential studies surveys the views of leading thinkers and scholars about the constitutional powers of the highest office in the land from the founding to the present. The work of some 80 contemporary political scientists and historians is discussed in the thematic chapters in Part III of the book, the Empirical Presidency, which is new to this edition. There is also a new chapter on the Bush and Obama presidencies, plus a new introduction and conclusion.

Reviewer David A. Crockett of Trinity University said, "This book is an intellectual tour de force that traces the development of thinking about the American presidency, from its architects to contemporary scholarly analysts. It covers an amazingly diverse catalog of topics and brings them together in a coherent fashion that is accessible to many audiences . . . . In short, anyone interested in the central and enduring debates surrounding the presidency—including office-holders—should add this volume to their personal libraries."

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Faculty activities

Larry Cooper discussed “The Special Challenge to Free Speech and Free Thought in a Free Society” as part of the Ethical and Political Contexts Panel at the Carleton Faculty Symposium on Censorship, Blasphemy and Free Speech, Oct. 26, 2013. He is the director of Ethical Inquiry at Carleton (EthIC). He will present his paper “Dreaming of Justice, Waking to Wisdom: Reveries of the Solitary Walker” at the APSA Annual Meeting in late August.


Kent Freeze discussed the prospects for political reforms in China and the implications of China’s Third Plenum in a presentation at the Library’s Athenaeum on Jan. 23. He will present the paper "Democracy, Urbanization and Demand for Redistribution" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association Aug. 30.

Devashree Gupta published a chapter called "The Limits of Radicalization: Escalation and Restraint in the South African Liberation Movement" in Dynamics of Political Violence (Ashgate, 2014). She also gave an invited talk on her work on radical flank effects at Cornell University. She is continuing to work on a social movements textbook with Polity Press.

Greg Marfleet developed a new course on global, national and human security and took on the role of chair of the Future Learning Technology Group, tasked with leading campus discussions about opportunities for the incorporation of new technology-center pedagogy and cross-campus collaboration. He also taught the Summer Quantitative Research Institute.

Alfred Montero delivered a paper titled, "Why Developmentalism Persists in Democratic Brazil," at the launch of the new International Development Institute of King’s College of London, November 7 and 8. He also presented the paper at the annual meetings of the International Studies Association in Toronto, March 26-29. He discussed "The State of Press and Speech Freedoms Around the World" as part of the Ethical and Political Contexts Panel at the Carleton Faculty Symposium on Censorship, Blasphemy and Free Speech, October 26.

Tun Myint was awarded tenure by the Board of Trustees.

He presented "Understanding Water Conflicts in the Mekong" at a joint meeting of the Asia Pacific University of Japan and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University of Singapore on Feb. 25-26. He also gave a colloquium presentation entitled, "Polycentric Resilience: Why Did State-Building Exercises Fail in Myanmar/Burma?" on September 9 at the Ostrom Workshop in Bloomington, Indiana.


He was installed as president of the Presidents and Political Executives organized section of the American Political Science Association at the association’s annual meetings in Chicago, August 29-September 1.

Schier and his co-author Raymond Tatalovich of Loyola University Chicago, have published an article, "Hamiltonianism, Progressivism and American Political Development" that appeared in The PEP Report (vol. 36, no. 1), issued by the Presidents and Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.
Alumni updates

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Joe Nathan, Director, Center for School Change. Have been working for the last 6 years with the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. We've helped governors' offices in 18 states improve their public schools. Also testified in more than 25 states and several Congressional committees. Write a weekly column that appears in suburban and rural Minnesota newspapers.

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Peter Drymalski, Staff Attorney, Montgomery County (MD) Commission on Common Ownership Communities, Rockville, MD. Merging two of my interests, I recently wrote an article: "Trial by Combat—Lawyers on the Battlefields of the Civil War," which was published in May by the New York State Bar Association Journal. It discusses why so many lawyers rose high in the ranks of combat officers, with the Battle of Gettysburg as a case study. My office won Distinguished Achievement Awards in 2013 and 2014 from the National Association of Counties for its dispute resolution program and for its video series on community association issues. I also published the first digest of Maryland cases on community association law, which is online at our website.

Robert Ellingson, City Councilman, Minnetonka, MN.

1976

Phyllis Genther Yoshida, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Asia, Europe and the Americas, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC. Working at the Department of Energy—busier than ever with President Obama's interest in clean energy and climate. When he announces a new agreement to work with a country in Europe, the Americas or Asia, I get to design and implement. In the last month, have traveled to France, Korea, China—and a new country for me, Lao PDR. Have had a couple of great internships from Carleton.

1977

Bob Vogel, Director of Governmental Relations, Montana School Boards Association, Helena. I have served as Director of Governmental Relations for MTSBA for the past 14 years and working with the Montana Legislature and our Montana Congressional Delegation.

1978

Debra Yurinich (O'Haver), Senior Counsel, Director of Lease Administration, International Market Centers, Las Vegas. I moved to Las Vegas last fall to work for the world's largest network of premium showroom and exhibition space in the home furnishings, gift and home décor industries. I am responsible for documenting all the leasing activity for over 5 million square feet of space in three buildings, while the High Point, North Carolina work is done by a separate team. I must say that living in Las Vegas is not what I thought it would be (and I certainly did not miss the weather Minnesota had last winter!)

1986

Susan Olson, Financial Advisor, Abacus Wealth Partners, Sebastopol, CA. After nearly 20 years in education administration, I "retired" and made a career change to fee-only financial planning. It is amazing how much akin being a school principal is to being a financial advisor. Sure, the technical aspects are different, but the counseling and human aspect of the positions are remarkably similar—problem solving and education in the area of highly emotional topics, in the case of these two roles, children and money. Although it would be a stretch to say my political science degree applied directly to either profession, being prepped for a lifelong love of learning and my concentration in Education at Carleton prepared me for both.

1991

Maurella Cunningham: Earned my Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction from the UMN-TC, College of Education & Human Development. Getting married on July 26, 2014.

1992

Andrew Kaiser: In July I submitted my Doctoral thesis on the Welsh Baptist missionary to China Timothy Richard. In August we leave the University of Edinburgh and return to life and work in Shanxi, China.

1994

Andrew J. Bove, Associate Director for Academic Advising, Instructor, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

1996

Jeanne Briggs, Crisis, Stabilization and Governance Officer, USAID, Washington, DC. After seven years in Africa (Sudan, Uganda, Cote d'Ivoire), I've returned state-side for a while, to a Washington-based position in USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives. I'm looking forward to continued professional engagement on governance and peace-building in crisis and post-crisis countries, while settling into a little more 'normal' personal life and a home on Capitol Hill.

1998

Ryan Miske, Eden Prairie, MN, has been elected to serve as president of the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth in 2015. He will serve a one-year term and will be the youngest president in ACG-MN history.

1999

Alden Mahler Levine, Assistant Program Coordinator, The Carter Center, Atlanta. I'm enjoying being part of the Carter
Center’s long-term election observation work in Tunisia, which has just adopted a new constitution and hopes to finish parliamentary and presidential elections by the end of 2014. It’s going to be exciting!

2000
Britt Ackerman, Northfield, MN, has been named partner of Hvistendahl, Moersch, Dorsey & Hahn.

Brent Cusher, Asst. Professor of Leadership and American Studies, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA. I am getting ready to begin my fourth year in a tenure-track position in the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University, in the Tidewater area of Virginia.

My most recent article, on Plato's conception of unwritten law, will appear in the Journal of Politics within the year. My wife Susan and I just welcomed our son Axel into the world; his two big sisters, Violet and Zooey, were thrilled to meet him. We’ll look forward to seeing everybody at Reunion 2015!

2003
Joel Alden Schlosser, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Bryn Mawr College. My book, What Would Socrates Do? was published in July 2014 by Cambridge University Press. It’s no exaggeration to say that this project began, at least in some way, with my comps at Carleton. I’m happy to have brought the project to completion after so many years. After four years teaching at Deep Springs College, I’ve moved across the country to begin a tenure-track job at Bryn Mawr College. I’m thrilled to return to city life and join the dynamic and diverse college communities in the Tri-Co of Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore. I’m living in Philadelphia and would love to meet up with any fellow Carls in the area.

2004
Trevor McNeil: Busy year—still teaching 7th grade history/English and still the vice-chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party. But I’m also very busy running for School Board in November and getting married in October! Anyone coming to the Bay Area should always look me up—I love mini-Carleton reunions!

2005
Frank Brodie, Physician. Just started my medical residency at Harbor UCLA after graduating Penn Med / Wharton with an MD/MBA.

Claire Newman, Vashon, WA, was added by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton to the firm’s Seattle office. She joins the firm as an associate on the Native American Practice Group. Prior to joining the firm, Newman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Louis J. Menendez, Alaska First District Superior Court, and judicial extern to the Honorable John Coughenour in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. She also taught middle school at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

2007
Jessica Goad, Advocacy Director, Center for Western Priorities. I completed my Masters in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School in August 2014.

Kate Knutson, Director of Annual Giving, The Blake School, Hopkins, MN. In December 2013, I started as the director of annual giving at The Blake School in Hopkins, MN. It’s fun to work in a school environment and help raise money to support the students, faculty, and school. Still living in St. Paul, MN.

Robert Nachtsheim, Finance Associate, JPMorgan Chase, New York. I graduated from my MBA program at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business in May 2014. I will enter the Finance Associate Leadership Program at JPMorgan Chase in New York City in August. In between, I travelled in Europe and Africa for five weeks, including summiting Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Andrew Navratil, Academic Dean-STEM, Amistad Academy Middle School, New Haven, CT. Anna Duchon ’08 and I were married on October 19 in Decatur, Georgia! We moved to New Haven from Miami one year ago for my new position at Amistad Academy.

Benjie Tarshish, Managing Partner at Tarshish Cody, PLC, Minneapolis. The past year has brought on many new things. I turn 30 in about a month and my time at Carleton still remains the best years of my life. My longtime girlfriend, Eugenia, just started fellowship in Gastroenterology at Mount Sinai, which means I can continue to eat and drink like I did at Carleton. Our law firm added on more associate attorneys and staff, and relocated our office’s HQ to Hwy 62 and Penn Ave, and I’ve been fortunate enough to get some nice publicity recently from a few of my cases. I attribute most of the great things that have happened to me over the past year to the political science department, including my professors and classmates. I’m wishing great things for everyone this coming year!

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In Memoriam

De’Angelo Williams ’12 tragically drowned in a swimming accident on a western Wisconsin lake on July 6. A political science/international relations major, he was also a three-year starter on the Knights football team, accumulating 74 tackles in 28 games to go along with five interceptions.

“De’Angelo had an awesome personality. He was always positive and willing to listen. He had a great attitude and was trying to get better all the time,” said Carleton football coach Bob Pagel. “He was unbelievably popular with his teammates, and after graduation, he was an avid supporter of our program and came to many of our games.”

After graduating from DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis, De’Angelo enrolled at Carleton and was actively involved with the Office of Intercultural & International Life (OIIL) and the TRIO program, which opens the door of opportunity and access to higher education for low-income and first-generation college students.

“De’Angelo was a bright and kind young man,” said Joy Kluttz, director of intercultural and international life. “He had a great sense of self, had a great sense of humor, and was loved by many of his peers.”

His comps adviser, Professor Greg Marfleet, said, “De’Angelo translated his endless energy and enthusiasm into his academics. He was ambitious in his scholarship and he challenged himself to improve every element of his senior project. He worked exceptionally hard and I could barely keep up with the pace at which he produced new drafts. He seemed determined to make the most of his opportunity at Carleton by committing everything into it.”

“De’Angelo is mourned and will be greatly missed by his Carleton community of friends, teachers, and mentors,” said Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students Hudlin Wagner.

Michael Goodgame ’15 died Feb. 28 in an automobile accident outside Northfield. He was a political science major and a member of Carleton’s Ultimate Frisbee team. He and three teammates were en route to the Minneapolis airport, where they were to fly to a tournament in Palo Alto, Calif. Two of Michael’s teammates also died in the accident.

A native of Westport, CT, Michael attended public schools, where he was known as a diligent and curious student, an engaging writer, a respected leader, and an accomplished athlete. At Staples High School, he was elected president of the Student Assembly and co-captain of the men’s swimming and diving team.

“Most of you know that Michael was a very fine student and athlete,” said Professor Larry Cooper at the Carleton memorial service for the students lost in this tragedy. “But Michael also played another role at Carleton, an unusual role that he created for himself. He was a Carleton public intellectual. Michael was a longtime columnist for the Carletonian. His articles addressed a broad array of issues—from the social life of college students to America’s role in the world. This wide range is one mark of a public intellectual, but a more important distinction is that he connects current issues to the community’s first principles. And that is just what Michael specialized in . . . . When Michael observed our occasional tendency to excuse ourselves from really thinking about things, he would call the community out or, more accurately, call the community back to itself.

“This theme of free, rigorous, critical inquiry is really what all of Michael’s columns were about, and it was central to his academic writing as well, as I had the privilege to see. Even when he wasn’t explicitly talking about the core values of a liberal education, he exemplified them. He walked the walk. He walked it with verve and with nerve. And he managed to do so as a gentle person.”
2008
David Schraub, Darling Foundation Fellow in Public Law, UC-Berkeley (Boalt) School of Law. After a year practicing law at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington DC, Jill Rodde ’09 and I are moving to the Bay Area where I’ll be teaching constitutional law at UC-Berkeley.
Claire Vinocur: In May, I received a master of public policy degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.
Sam Whittemore, Student, Harvard Kennedy School of Government/Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. I just finished my second year of a joint MBA and MPP program. I interned with USAID in Washington DC last summer in the Global Development Lab and am interning now with BD Biosciences in the HIV/AIDS division in the San Francisco Bay Area office.

2009
Erin (Feehan-Nelson) Lonoff, Analyst, HR&A Advisors, Inc., New York, NY. I graduated this May with a Masters in City Planning from UPenn and moved to New York. I am now working for HR&A Advisors, an economic development, real estate, and public policy consulting firm.
Helen Ashton, MD Candidate (degree expected in 2017), Emory University School of Medicine. I just finished my first year of medical school and am currently traveling around Turkey on my three-week summer break!

2010
Arpita Bhattacharyya, Energy Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC. This fall, I will be starting the MBA program at the Yale School of Management. I will focus on business solutions to tackle climate change adaptation in the developing world.
Max Davidson, Content & User Education Specialist, Google, Mountain View, CA. Moved recently to San Francisco to follow a new position at Google that allows me to educate users on how to better understand technology and specifically, how to take advantage of the features that Google Drive and Docs have to offer. Excited to be in the Bay area with a number of Carleton friends, including my roommate!

2013
Andrew Schneider-Adams, English Teacher, Langfang, Hebei, China. I’m wrapping up nine months of teaching English in China. I plan on spending the next year in Madison before attending law school.

2014
Maddy Crowell, Freelance Journalist, Delhi, India.

Be a Career Guide
The Career Center has recently launched an alumni volunteer program called Career Guides. It is designed to draw on the impressive and varied experience of our alumni network to help current students, as well as younger alumni, to make a successful transition to their lives after Carleton.

Signing up as a Career Guide indicates to current students and fellow alumni that you’re eager to talk about your career path, share advice, and provide insights on how you got from here to there. Students who contact you may be just beginning to discern possible career paths or they may be looking for advice on how best to prepare for and apply for entry-level positions in your field. As a Career Guide, you are not obligated to develop long-term mentoring relationships with any of the students who contact you; nor are you expected to hire a student for a job or internship. Your advice and wisdom is all that we seek.

To learn more about the Career Guide program, please visit the Career Center website. Questions? Contact Brian Murphy, Program Director for Internships and Experiential Learning, at 507-222-4446 or bmurphy@carleton.edu.