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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful time to be teaching political science. For the Americanists, we have the 2008 presidential election. The thrill of the national nominating conventions, the technology employed and the obvious planning and organization that go into such an event are remarkable. But even more remarkable is that 2008 has been a historic election season, with one major party nominating a minority male as its presidential candidate and the other nominating a female as its VP candidate. This represents a sea change in American politics. After the election, it will be the work of political scientists to explain the outcome of what has been predicted a close election.

For the comparativists and international relations crowd, the Russian-Georgia conflict is a drama in progress with the European Union weighing in. How this will be resolved may signal how the region will live together in peace into the future. For all political scientists, we are facing tremendous economic problems in our own country and around the world. A reflection of globalism is the ripple effect of the financial crisis in the U.S. and how it spread to other parts of world. We are indeed facing troubled economic times. An unprecedented \$700 billion bailout of the troubled financial sector is a work in progress and will add at the end over \$1 trillion to our ballooning national debt, counting interest and the \$150 billion sweetener added by the Senate to pass the bill. What are we passing on to future generations of Americans?

Political scientists in North Carolina are strongly encouraged to plan to attend and participate in our annual meeting in late February 2009 at UNC-Greensboro. This is a central location in our state and should be convenient for most members. Don't forget our undergraduates who may also benefit from presenting their work at a professional conference.

2009 NCPSA Annual Conference

Make plans now to attend the 2009 NCPSA Annual Conference to be held at UNC-Greensboro on Friday, February 27, 2009. See Page 7 for more information.

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President Claudia Bryant asked for a moment of silence for Eve Carson, Student Body President at UNC Chapel Hill, who was murdered several days before the Conference.

Treasurer's Report: We previously had \$4,332.67. We have taken in \$2,180.00 in dues and conference registration for a total of \$6,512.67. Expenses for the conference and subscriptions to *Politics and Policy* for paid-up members have not yet been paid.

President Bryant announced that the next annual conference would be held at Greensboro College on Saturday, 28 February 2009. The 2010 conference will be in the central part of the state, and we will see if we can have it at NC Central University. The 2011 conference is to be held in the western part of the state, perhaps at UNC Asheville.

The slate of officers, as prepared by Immediate Past President Frank Trapp was proposed to the membership:

President: Jim Corey

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Secretary: Jennifer Purvis

Member at-large: Hunter Bacot

Member at-large: Han Lheem

Member at-large: Dan Masters

Historian: Michael Bitzer

NCPSA Editorial Rep to *Politics and Policy*: Frank Trapp

*It is understood that Frank Trapp would serve as President-Elect only until the Executive Council can find a replacement

The slate was elected by acclamation, with permission given to the Executive Council to replace Frank Trapp as President-Elect with a suitable member.

The President's gavel was passed ceremoniously from Claudia Bryant to Jim Corey.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Recent Department News

The following material, which varies in length and content, was submitted by representatives of the various political science programs affiliated with NCPSA. Thank you to all participating departments. Submissions for the Spring Newsletter should be submitted to the Secretary by mid-February.

Belmont Abbey College

Travis Cook, formerly of St. John's College, Santa Fe, has joined the faculty of the Department of Political Science at Belmont Abbey College.

East Carolina University

New hires for ECU are **Dursun Peksen** (Ph.D. Missouri) in International Relations and **Younhee Kim** (Ph.D. Rutgers) in Public Administration.

Gardner-Webb University

Gardner-Webb will be participating for the first time at this year's Southeastern Model Arab League program hosted by Converse College.

Two GWU graduates from this past year are working in Washington, D.C. **Camille Palacio** works for a domestic poverty NGO as an Associate Program Officer and **Matt Mollozzi** works on the staff of Congressman Geoff Davis of Kentucky.

Michael Kuchinsky's chapter on Kurt Waldheim was included in *The UN Secretary-General and Moral Authority: Ethics and Religion in International Leadership*, edited by Kent Kille and published by Georgetown University Press.

High Point University

Matthew DeSantis, ABD at the University of Florida, has joined the faculty of High Point University. Mr. DeSantis specializes in the study Religion and politics, political parties, and political behavior.

Last year the History/Political Science department was separated into two departments-History and Political Science. **Dr. Mark Setzler** was appointed as the first chair of the new Political Science Department. **Dr. Anthony Gabrielli** departed High Point University at the end of the Spring semester and is now teaching in California. **Dr. James Corey**, who retired from High Point University in May 2006, is now teaching as an adjunct professor of Political Science at High Point University.

Methodist University

International student **Rahila Muhibi** from Afghanistan was selected to represent MU at the Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) held annually in November at the US Military Academy, West Point, NY.

The MU Department of Government Studies hosted the two opposing candidates for the NC House District 44 to speak on campus on different occasions. Republican Lou Huddleston spoke on "Leadership Challenges in the 21st Century," and incumbent Democrat Margaret Dickson spoke on "Leadership Challenges in the Legislature."

Lead defense attorney on the Duke Lacrosse case, Joe Cheshire, spoke on the MU campus on Oct 3 to commemorate Constitution Day.

UNC at Charlotte

The Political Science Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte created the Center for Terrorism, Intelligence, and Security Studies in October 2008. The Center takes as its central mission (1) providing citizens and policy-makers with better understandings of the social, cultural, political, and economic causes and consequences of terrorist acts, (2) encouraging security policies and intelligence gathering and sharing consistent with democratic rule and the protection of civil liberties. The Center facilitates both scholarly collaboration and community involvement to promote research, education, and dialogue on the process of radicalization of religious creeds, ethnicity, nationalism, and other belief systems into rationales for horrific terrorist acts. The Center plans to share its analysis of emerging conditions that would give rise to terrorism, and work to enable policy-makers and public citizens to be involved in developing intelligence and security measures that can alleviate the risk of terrorism without damaging democracy. Faculty members Cindy Combs and Jim Walsh coordinate the activities of the Center. For more information, contact Professor Combs at cccombs@uncc.edu or Professor Walsh at jwalsh@uncc.edu.

The end of the 2007-08 academic year was an important milestone for the University of North Carolina-Charlotte's interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Public Policy program. The Department of Political Science is the lead department of nine

departments in three colleges that participate in this unique arrangement of over 50 faculty members. Students in the program develop their specialty in one of five policy areas: health, urban, social, justice, or environment/infrastructure.

This ended the 7th year of the program's operation and saw its best year ever. We matriculate 40 students annually and this year's students generated a bevy of research activity leading to seven peer-reviewed pieces, numerous technical reports, 25 conference presentations at an array of conferences nationally, and even two funded grants. This year saw the program's largest output of Ph.D.'s with five students finishing and four more having already defended dissertations to graduate this fall 2008 term. Of those that have already left the program, two have tenure-track positions, one is a faculty director of a research center, one has a one-year position, two have post-doctorates, and three have research science positions in think tanks. We are proud to announce the 2007-2008 graduates of the Ph.D. in Public Policy program and their dissertations:

Huili Hao: The Impacts of Brownfields on Property Values and Private Investment in Charlotte, North Carolina

Barbara John: Zoning and Density: Examining Patterns of Development in Charlotte, North Carolina

Dustin Read: The Cost of Concurrency: A Legal and Empirical Analysis of Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances in North Carolina

Stephanie Southworth: The Effects of Institutional Characteristics of Schools on North Carolina Elementary and Middle School Student Achievement

Olga Smirnova: Does Government Structure Really Matter? A Comparison of Efficiency and Effectiveness of Special Purpose Versus General Purpose Government Transit Operations

Stephen Stemkowski: Health Insurance and the Consumption of Medical Care: Measuring Changes in Access to the Health Care System in Chronic Disease Populations

Nicolas Swartz: An Assessment of the Assessment: The Need for and Development of a New Approach to Estimate the Economic Impact an Airport has on its Regional Economy

Yoshiko Takahashi: Reentry of Offenders and the Role of Jail in the Context of Community: System-Wide Analysis of Chronic Offenders

Junfeng Wang: The Public Health Impacts of Brownfield Redevelopment in Charlotte, North Carolina

The new Center for the Study of Policy and Administration Complexity at UNCC aspires to contribute as a scholarly collaboratory of excellence, discovery, and invention, pursuing the highest standards, and functioning as an active, cutting-edge leader and participant in the study of social and organizational complexity. In partnership with the American Society of Public Administration Section on Complexity and Systems Studies Network, the Center will focus on exploring the links between modern scientific theory and the fields of public administration and social theory. This includes the interchange of ideas on topics such as chaos theory, complexity theory, nonlinear dynamics, autopoiesis, second-order cybernetics, thermodynamics, fuzzy logic, self-organization, and dissipative systems and how they influence social and organizational order. Specifically, the Center seeks to examine the many dimensions of complexity theory and its possible applications in the following ways:

- To explore how complexity theory can inform the current state of understanding, teaching and praxis
- To contribute to the public service profession through the examination of new theories and approaches to public policy
- To form relationships with those who seek to build a broader understanding of public policy and administration based on a complexity theory foundation.
- To provide networking and professional development opportunities to those interested in developing ideas and creating innovative solutions to public policy and administration based on complexity theory.
- To provide a forum for students and educators to develop synergistic collaborative activities to test new theories on the complexity associated with cross-collaborative, multi-disciplinary initiatives.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

UNCG's new chancellor, **Linda P. Brady**, joined the campus and the political science department as of August 1, 2008. Brady graduated from Rutgers University with a BA and MA in political science, and received a doctorate in political science from Ohio State University in 1974. She taught at Vanderbilt University and later Goucher College in Maryland. From 1978 to 1985, Brady held several positions in the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Defense. She served as a political analyst in the State Department's Office of Disarmament and Arms Control and as special

assistant for mutual and balanced force reductions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She later served as a senior fellow in international security and arms control at the Carter Center of Emory University (1986-87) and as a distinguished professor of national security at the U.S. Military Academy (1991-92). She has produced numerous publications on national security matters. From 1993 to 2001, Brady led the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She joined NC State University in 2001 as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Most recently she served for two years as senior vice president and provost of the University of Oregon.

Professor **Jerry Pubantz** was appointed as the Director of the Lloyd International Honors College at UNCG beginning August 1. The Honors College enrolls 550 students and offers both general education honors and disciplinary honors programs. A hallmark of the Honors College is that its students are required to have an international experience usual completed through a semester of study abroad. Jerry has served since 2006 as the President of the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which received national recognition in 2007 as the best Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at a public university for its exemplary set of activities. Jerry and a colleague, John Moore, recently published the second edition of their two-volume work, *Encyclopedia of the United Nations*.

Lecturer **M. Jeffrey Colbert** has been elected as president of the UNCG Alumni Association. He has a BA and MPA from UNCG, and has taught in the department for almost 20 years. He was also honored last spring as the recipient of UNCG's Gladys Strawn award, given in recognition of his many years of service to the campus, students, and community.

UNC Wilmington

Remonda Kleinberg completed all requirements for an LLM at the Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto. Remonda's dissertation is titled, *Embedded Models of Development and Unresolved Tensions in the WTO: Developing Countries, Preferential Treatment and Dispute Resolution in the Governance of World Trade*. She also taught an invited graduate course on violence at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in August for their graduate program in Conflict Transformation and Management. Remonda is currently planning a joint graduate program with the NMMU on Conflict Management.

Laurie Paarlberg won the *Accenture Advances in Public Management Award* for the best article appearing in the *International Public Management Journal* in 2007. Laurie's article is titled, "The Impact of Customer Orientation on Government Employee Performance." This award carries with it a \$5000 prize.

Earl Sheridan began serving an elected four-year term on the Wilmington City Council.

UNC-W currently has 174 students in the Bachelors in Political Science program and 70 students in the Masters in Public Administration program. Following is a listing of grants/contracts, faculty publications/paper presentations and book reviews.

Contracts and grants:

Imperial, Mark T. 2008. *Town of St. James Community Center Survey*. \$17,266 awarded by the Town of St. James, NC. **Paarlberg, Laurie E.** 2008. *Cahill Research Award*, "Institutional Change in the United Way: The Implementation of Community Impact Models."

Publications:

Barth, Thomas J. (1) [Forthcoming.] "Crisis Management in the Catholic Church: Lessons for Public Administrators." *Public Administration Review*. (2) [Forthcoming.] "Crossing Boundaries and Taking Risks: Collaboration to Improve the Health Indicators in Southeastern North Carolina." In *The Practice of Strategic Collaboration: From Silos to Action*. Eds., Dorothy Norris-Tirrell and Joy Clay. New York: Taylor & Francis. **Dluhy, Milan J., and Evan Berman.** (1) [Forthcoming.] *The Compleat Public Manager*. New York: Francis & Taylor. (2) [Forthcoming.] "What Difference Does City/County Consolidation Make? An Historical Analysis of Jacksonville and Tampa." In *City-County Consolidation: Promises Make, Promises Kept?* Eds. Suzanne Leland and Kurt Thurmaier. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. **Paton, Douglas, Bruce F. Houghton, Chris E. Gregg, Duane A. Gill, Liesel A. Ritchie, David McIvor, Penny Larin, Steven Meinhold, Jennifer Horan, and David M. Johnston.** 2008. "Managing Tsunami Risk in Coastal Communities: Identifying Predictors of Preparedness." *Australian Journal of Emergency Management* 23(1):4-9. **Kleinberg, Remonda B.** (1) 2008. "U-S Hegemony in Latin American: In Our Own Backyard." In *From Superpower to Besieged Global*

Power: Restoring World Order after the Failure of the Bush Doctrine. Edward A. Kolodziej and Roger E. Kanet, eds. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press. (2) [Forthcoming.] "Book Review: *Human Insecurity in a Global World*, Lincoln Chen, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, and Ellen Seidensticker, eds." *Journal of Income Distribution*. **Kwon, Myungjung, Frances S. Berry, and Richard C. Feiock**. [Forthcoming.] "Understanding the Evolution of Economic Development Strategies in U.S. Cities." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. **Masters, Daniel S.** (1) [Forthcoming.] "The Origin of Terrorist Threats: Religious, Separatist, or Something Else?" *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 20(3), 396-414. Masters, Daniel S, and Robert M. Alexander. (2) [Forthcoming.] "Prospecting for War: 9/11 and the Selling of Operation Iraqi Freedom." *Contemporary Security Policy*.

Paarlberg, Laurie E., James L. Perry, and Annie Hondeghem. (1) [Forthcoming.] "From Theory to Practice: Strategies for Applying Public Service Motivation." In *Public Service Motivation: State of the Science and Art*, eds. James L. Perry and Annie Hondeghem. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. **Paarlberg, Laurie E. and Gen, Sheldon**. (2) [Forthcoming.] "Exploring the Determinants of Nonprofit Coproduction of Public Service Delivery: The Case of K-12 Public Education." *The American Review of Public Administration*. **Christensen, R.K.; Clerkin, R.M.; Nesbit, B. and Paarlberg, Laurie E.** [Forthcoming.] "Light and Dark Sides of Nonprofit Activities and the Rules to Manage Them: The Case of Charitable Bingo." *Administration and Society*. **Tan, Paige Johnson**. 2008. "Teaching and Remembering: The Legacy of the Suharto Era Lingers in School History Books. *Inside Indonesia*. 92(2):1-4 [an online quarterly peer-reviewed journal]. <http://insideindonesia.org/content/view/1077/47/>

Conference papers:

Douglas, Angela and Erica Carter. 2008. "What's the DEAL with the Increasing Number of Out-of-Wedlock Births?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Denver, CO. **Imperial, Mark T.** 2009. "Marine Affairs Education in the 21st Century." at The Coastal Society's 21st Biennial Conference. Redondo Beach in Los Angeles, California. June 29 - July 2. [Forthcoming.] **Masters, Daniel S.** (1) 2008. "Musical Chairs?: Government Reorganization in Response to Terrorism." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. (2) 2008. "The Role of Side Payments by Terrorist Organizations" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, July 8-12, Paris, France.

Seo, Jungkun. (1) 2008. "Top Down or Bottom Up? Party Shifts Over Chinese Exclusion, 1879-1902." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. (2) Seo, Jungkun, and Sean M. Theriault. 2008. "Joining Moderate Coalitions in a Polarized Congress: Electoral Connection?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. **Tan, Paige Johnson**. 2008. "Transitional Justice in Indonesia." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Hilton Head, SC.

Book reviews:

Sheridan, Earl. (1) [Forthcoming.] "Book Review: *Branded Conservatives: How the Brand Brought the Right from the Fringes* by Kenneth Cosgrove." *Political Science Quarterly*. (2) [Forthcoming.] "Book Review: *The Right Talk: How Conservatives Transformed the Great Society into the Economic Society* by Mark A. Smith." *Political Science Quarterly*.

Western Carolina University

WCU Senior **Williams Styles** is the WNC coordinator for the Kay Hagan campaign. He also served as a delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Don Livingston received the university-wide "Last Lecture Award." He presented his "Last Lecture" during 2008 Homecoming Festivities.

Claudia Bryant began a new position with the International Programs Office. She will also continue teaching in the department.

**2009 Meeting of the
North Carolina Political Science Association
February 27 at UNC Greensboro**

For information on local arrangements, contact Rebecca Klase at
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**Hotel rooms are available February 26 & 27
at a conference rate of \$105 plus tax**
Greensboro Marriott Downtown
304 N Greene Street
336-379-8000

There are no hotels within walking distance of the University. In addition to the Marriott, hotels near the intersection of I-40 and Wendover Avenue or I-40 and High Point Road are easily accessible.

Recommended are:

Holiday Inn, 4305 Big Tree Way, 336-854-0090
Hilton Garden Inn, 4307 Big Tree Way, 336-852-1491
Double Tree Hotel, 3030 High Point Rd , 336-292-4004

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