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NCPA 40th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2011

University of North Carolina

CHARLOTTE

Vice President Ansel Brown (browna@ncu.edu) is the conference director. A participation form for the annual conference may be downloaded from our web site ncpsa.net and emailed to him. Dr. Brown would be glad to receive paper proposals, panel suggestions, volunteers for chairs and discussants, and any other suggestions you might have for the conference in Charlotte. Paper deadlines and fees for the conference and annual memberships will be available in our Fall Newsletter.

Message from the President

I just want to take this opportunity to extend my greetings to all my colleagues and friends in the North Carolina Political Science Association.

Please know how much all of us who work for the Association appreciated your attendance and participation in our association's 39th Annual Conference at North Carolina Central University in Durham. And we look forward to continued support from more political scientists in our state. We especially appreciated the extra effort that some of you, who had to travel long distances, made to attend. Adam Newmark of Appalachian State University did a fantastic job assembling panels and roundtables that addressed timely and pressing issues facing our nation and world. Ansel Brown made the arrangements at NCCU and has accepted the position of Vice President for next year. He will be arranging the 40th Annual Conference which we will hold at UNC Charlotte. I am truly grateful for all that Phillip Ardoin of Appalachian State, our past president, and the Executive Council did to make the Conference a successful one and this past year a productive one for the association. We have doubled participation in the Conference each of the last two years.

The Executive Council is in constant contact via email. Our association needs and appreciates your support. We will be increasing the communication among institutions via our semi-annual newsletter, and will provide information shortly on the Undergraduate Paper Competition for 2010.

Our listserv has the names and email addresses of over 450 professional political scientists in North Carolina. We are the only viable means of communication among the members of our professor in our state.

In closing, allow me to extend my best wishes to you and I am looking forward to seeing here at Charlotte next February.

Report on the 39th Annual Conference

The 39th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, hosted by North Carolina Central University, was a great success. I am pleased to report that 120 scholars participated in the conference. Participants came from twenty-eight colleges and universities mostly from North Carolina, but several were from institutions of higher learning outside of our state. The conference included 15 panels and two round table presentations on a multitude of topics in all major subfields of political science. Keynote Speaker, and former North Carolina gubernatorial candidate, Professor Michael Munger (Duke University) discussed "three trends in state government." Professor Munger will be joining the NCPSA Executive Board as the new President-Elect.

Adam J. Newmark, Appalachian State University
Outgoing, Vice President, NCPSA

NEWS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Frank R. Baumgartner joined the department as the first holder of the Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professorship. UNC-Chapel Hill also reports four new colleagues: [Anna Bassi](#), [Xi Chen](#), [Justin Gross](#) and [Sarah Treul](#).

EVELYNE HUBER and **JOHN STEPHENS** have received coveted Guggenheim Fellowships to pursue their work on poverty-reduction policies. Guggenheim Fellowships are intended for men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship. Each year the Foundation receives about 4,000 applications and awards approximately 220 Fellowships. This year, Huber and Stephens were two of only three political scientists awarded Guggenheims.

JAMES STIMSON, Raymond Dawson Bicentennial Distinguished Professor, received the 2009 Career Achievement Award of the Society for Political Methodology. The award recognizes scholars who have made intellectual contributions that have given the field new ideas and new tools while, at the same time, helped to create sustaining institutions.

NAVIN BAPAT has received a major grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct research on how countries use economic sanctions to coerce changes in other countries' behavior.

In addition to becoming a parent, **GEORG VANBERG**, received a grant from the National Science Foundation to organize a conference bringing together leading scholars in judicial politics and computational linguistics to explore possibilities for automated content analysis of legal texts.

UNC-Chapel Hill also reports lots of good news about [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) students alike!

UNC-Charlotte

This year has been a productive one by all accounts. The department has published more than 25 articles in 2009. Several faculty have had articles accepted in 2010 as well.

Cindy Combs expects a new edition of her textbook out soon: *Terrorism in the 21st Century*. **James I. Walsh** had his book published: *International Politics of Intelligence Sharing*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010.

We are sad to lose Jim Piazza to Pennsylvania State University and Rob Christensen to the University of Georgia. We wish them best of luck.

The Center for Applied Counterterrorism Studies organized the conference “Counterterrorism Since 9/11: What Have We Learned?” at the UNC Charlotte Uptown Center (details at <http://securitystudies.uncc.edu>).

Ph.D. in Public Policy News

During the 2009-2010 academic year, our Ph.D. Public Policy program has graduated six students! **Huiping Li** began her faculty position at Shanghai University. **Hakan Hekim** returned to Turkey, taking up his government service duties for the National Police.

Dr. Cheryl Brown and Political Science Office Manager Cheryl Almond both won awards this year from the BEST program (Building Educational Strengths and Talents). This is the 11th annual celebration of learning and both recipients were given awards for being outstanding faculty and staff members, offering our students advice and assistance beyond the classroom to succeed in all that they do. Congratulations to them for their accomplishments.

Our **Model United Nations Team**, coached by **Cindy Combs** competed in 4 conferences in 2009-2010, winning a record-breaking total of 41 awards over the course of the year. Among the highlights was attending the Harvard World Model United Nations in **Taipei, Taiwan** and competing against 1,700 participants from more than 60 countries.

The **North Carolina Student Legislature**, coached by **Suzanne Leland** (while Eric Heberlig is on family leave) attended the 73rd Annual Session in Raleigh from April 15-18, 2010. Overall, the delegation won eight awards, including “Best Large Delegation”.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The Department of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has gone through a number of important changes over the course of the last academic year. Foremost on the list is that the department has split from the Department of Public Administration to become its own, independent department of six tenure-track faculty, with **Dr. Kevin Freeman** as its first chair. The department is excited about the opportunities presented by this, and is looking forward to developing a number of programs in the coming semesters to solidify its new position on campus.

In Fall 2009, the department welcomed **Dr. Emily Neff-Sharum** (Ph.D., University of Washington) to its fold, and **Dr. Kirill Bumin** (Ph.D., University of Kentucky) will join the department in Fall 2010. Dr. Neff-Sharum specializes in legislative politics and women’s issues, while Dr. Bumin’s fields include post-Soviet politics and ethnic conflict.

Dr. Freeman was the recipient of two summer Fulbrights in 2009: the first was a Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program in China, and the second was a Fulbright German Studies Seminar Grant In Berlin. He also recently published an article in the *Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Public Administration*. **Dr. Elizabeth Normandy** headed the university’s successful effort to renew SACS accreditation. **Carole Graham, J.D.**, continues to serve as UNCP’s pre-law advisor, and matriculation into law schools is

showing great improvement during her tenure. Dr. Neff-Sharum has vastly expanded the department's internship program this year, giving students access to a number of political and legal offices throughout the state and county, as well as in Washington, DC. **Dr. Martin Slann** continues to serve as UNCP's Dean of Arts and Sciences.

The Department successfully hosted the Gibson and Mary Ana Grey Lecture Series in international politics, with Dr. William Boettcher (North Carolina State University) as its keynote speaker, and once again sponsored Constitution Day on campus by hosting lectures and presentations tied to the U.S. Constitution.

Western Carolina University

Don Livingston was a finalist for the Board of Governors Teaching Award and **Chris Cooper** was a finalist for the Paul A. Reid Service Award. **Todd Collins** won a Service Learning Teaching Award and **Gibbs Knotts** won the Board of Governors Teaching Award and the University Scholar Award. We have three new faculty joining our department in the fall. **Roger Hartley** will be coming from the University of Arizona as our new MPA Director. Roger completed his undergraduate work at Indiana and his graduate work at the University of Georgia. **Dan Bromberg** is joining us from Rutgers University where he recently completed his Ph.D. Dan will be teaching in our MPA program. **Jennifer Schiff** is joining us from Old Dominion University. She recently completed her Ph.D. at Old Dominion and will be teaching international relations and comparative politics for the department.

OF INTEREST:

Attention North Carolina Scholars! **The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program** has several Three- to Five-Day Statistical Workshops. Several are held in Chapel Hill. Visit the website: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/2010/schedule.jsp;jsessionid=3E395B436C189DC3C1CC7BEA421DECD4>.

(When you go to the web page, make sure you scroll down to see the selection of 3-5 day classes.)