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NCPSA 40th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2011

University of North Carolina

CHARLOTTE

Vice President Ansel Brown (browna@nccu.edu) is the conference director. A participation/attendance form for the annual conference may be downloaded from our web site ncpsa.net and emailed to him. The form is also attached to the same email as this Newsletter. 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 are indicated on the participation form.

The same form is to be used to join NCPSA, renew your membership for 2011-12, and for conference registration. Membership is required for participation or attendance at the conference, but one can join NCPSA without attending. For these purposes complete the form and mail a hard copy of it with a check to our Treasurer, Jim Corey. His mailing address is also on the form.

Troutman-Raney-*Politics and Policy* Undergraduate Paper Award for 2010

The winner of the award will be announced at the Luncheon during our annual Conference in February 2011, but the winner and the faculty member who made the nomination will be notified before the Conference. The winner will receive \$200, can be our guest at the Conference, and will receive a letter of recognition. The winner will be selected by a committee appointed by the NCPSA President using a blind review process. Half of the money for the award comes from *Politics and Policy*.

Rules:

- 1) Each member of the Association who is a faculty member of a North Carolina college or university may submit one paper for consideration. Please note that only those who joined the Association at or before the February 2010 Conference are eligible to nominate a student's paper.
- 2) The paper must have been submitted to the nominator by an undergraduate student in full or partial fulfillment of the requirements of a Political Science class taught during 2010.
- 3) The paper must be sent as a pdf file to the chair of the selection committee, Peter Francia East Carolina University, franciap@ecu.edu before 31 December 2010. The file containing the paper should be titled: "AuthorName_ShortPaperName.pdf"
- 4) The paper should be vetted by TURNITIN.COM before being submitted to assure that it is not a plagiarism. If the nominator does not have access to this resource, the Association will vet the selected paper before making a final decision.
- 5) The cover sheet of the paper should contain the following information:
 - a) Student's name
 - b) Paper title
 - c) Nominating faculty member's name
 - d) Student and faculty member's Institution
 - e) Course number and name of the course for which the paper was submitted
 - f) Date the paper was submitted for course credit
 - g) The paper was (was not) submitted to TURNITIN.COM

REPORT ON 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 39th Annual conference of the North Carolina Political Science Association, hosted by North Carolina Central University, was a great success. 120 scholars participated in the conference. Participants came from twenty-eight colleges and universities mostly from North Carolina, but several were from institutions 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 joined the NCPSA Executive Board as the new President-Elect.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Davidson College

Russell Crandall, who is on leave from Davidson College, moved from the position of Principal Director for the Western Hemisphere in the Department of Defense to a new post as Director of Andean Affairs in the President’s National Security Council.

Pat Sellers and Chris Alexander were named associate deans in April. Alexander is now Associate Dean for International Programs and Director of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program. Sellers is now Associate Dean of Curriculum.

Tom Kaze has been named President of the University of Evansville. He taught in the Political Science Department from 1981 to 1999, and served as Chair from 1990 to 1999.

Elon University

Dion Farganis, Assistant Professor of Political Science, joins our faculty from Bowling Green State University. He will teach courses in Constitutional law and the judicial process.

Sharon Spray, Associate Professor of Political Science, will assume the role of Chair following the 13 year tenure of Professor of Political Science, Chalmers Brumbaugh.

Hunter Bacot’s Elon University Poll continues to be cited by media throughout the state and are becoming the gold standard for non-partisan polls in NC.

Laura Roselle (who is also Visiting Professor of Public Policy at Duke University) was Program Chair: APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference, September 1, 2010 The George Washington University and was elected: 2012 APSA Information Technology & Policy Section Program Chair, 2013 Chair of the Section.

North Carolina A&T State University

Dr. Sarita D. Jackson returned to the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice at North Carolina A & T State University after serving as a Fulbright Scholar in the Dominican Republic from January to July 2010. During this period, she studied the levels of access and influence that industry associations had during the Dominican Republic's free trade negotiations with the United States as a part of a larger project on the US-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). Additionally, Dr. Jackson received the Junior Faculty Teaching Award in March 2010.

North Carolina State University (Political Science and Public Administration Departments)

Associate Professor Elizabethann O'Sullivan retired while Ryan Bosworth, Assistant Professor, left for an opportunity at Utah State University.

Three people have joined our faculty. Hyunhoe Bae, Assistant Professor (Ph.D. in 2010 from Syracuse University's Maxwell School). Dr. Bae will teach policy analysis and quantitative methods courses. Rajade Berry-James, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Programs (Ph.D., Rutgers University, Newark). Dr. Berry-James comes to NC State from The University of Akron. And Dr. Mark Nance, a University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D. (2009) who will teach International Political Economy.

Dr. Robert Moog has been named chair of Political Science replacing Dr. Andrew Taylor

Jerrell D. Cogburn was promoted to the rank of Professor (effective August 2010).

We received approval for a dual degree MPA/JD program, offered in conjunction with Campbell University's Wiggins School of Law.

Here are the numbers of peer reviewed publications in the last six months (PA only).

- 3 published books/textbooks/monographs
- 1 edited book
- 9 book chapters (8 in print, 1 forthcoming)
- 13 refereed journal articles (8 in print, 5 accepted for publication)
- 10 other published articles (e.g., issue briefs, book reviews, encyclopedia entries, etc.)
- 23 conference presentations

Recent major awards include:

- Tom Birkland: National Science Foundation, "Enabling the Next Generation of Hazards and Disaster Researchers." CMMI-0758424, June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2010. Approximately \$241,000 (including supplement). No-cost extension to 5/31/2011. Budget supplement \$11,000 awarded April

2010.

- Richard C. Kearney, Jerrell D. Coggburn (Co-Principal Investigators with Robert L. Clark): "Phase II: Project on State and Local Government Health Care Benefits." Center for State and Local Government Excellence, Washington, DC. Funded for \$100,000. (January 2009-December 2009; no-cost extension through April 30, 2010).
- Branda Nowell: National Forest Service Grant award for \$153,676. Co-Principal Investigator. The Interplay of AMR, Suppression Costs, Community Interaction, and Organizational Performance.

Kristin O'Donovan (PhD candidate) received a dissertation fellowship from the PERISHIP program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and run by the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the Public Entity Risk Institute.

Political science, as part of the School of Public and International Affairs, together with the history department and the Triangle South Asia Consortium hosted a workshop in April on "Law, Courts and Elections in the United States and India."

UNC Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor Justin Gross with PhD from Carnegie-Mellon in Methods is a new tenure track hire in the department.

Tom Carsey, Pearsall Distinguished Professor of State and Local Politics will be the new director of the Odum Institute for Social Science Research beginning January 1, 2011.

Last year we stopped the press to report the stunning last minute news that one of the Department's couples – our chair Evelyne Huber and her husband, John Stephens, professor and director of UNC-CH's Center for European Studies – had just walked off with two of the nation's three Guggenheim Fellowships awarded to political scientists. And so with our congratulations they did just that – walk off for the year, first to Italy's Collegio Carlo Alberto and then to the University of Notre Dame's Kellogg Center.

In early 2010 Professor Mike Lienesch was named University Professor of Distinguished Teaching, a term professorship recognizing career-long excellence in teaching that is awarded to a UNC faculty member once every three years. But Mike is not sitting on his laurels: this year he also was named a Chapman Family Fellow at UNC-CH's Institute for the Arts and Humanities, another teaching award that allows him a semester leave to continue to develop his teaching skills.

Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks' grant, from the European Research Council funded by the European Union, which extends over five years, will allow them to spend two academic years (2011-2012 and 2013-2014) at the Free University of Amsterdam. At the same time, the award will provide six academic year fellowships for political science graduate students to pursue their independent research. In addition, several students will

be funded to do research on the Hooghe-Marks project during summer breaks.

As co-author of *Lobbying and Policy Change: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why*, Frank Baumgartner just walked off with the APSA's Leon D. Epstein Outstanding Book Award, which honors a book that makes an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship on political organizations and parties.

Baumgartner also hosted a conference on the death penalty that included North Carolina exoneree Ed Chapman, who spent 15 years on death row before demonstrating his innocence and being released, and author Jennifer Thompson, whose book, *Picking Cotton*, describes the ordeal of a rape and subsequent conviction of the wrong person for the crime, and is the summer reading book for incoming UNC-CH students in Fall 2010.

Thomas Carsey has been selected at the editor of *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* and was elected vice president of the Southern Political Science Association.

Virginia Gray volunteered for the time-consuming task of hosting at UNC-CH the 9th annual conference of the APSA's State Politics and Policy Section

Donald Searing and Pamela Johnston Conover, both Burton Craige Professors, have been awarded \$175,000 by the Arete and Templeton Foundations to pursue research on "The Virtues and Vices of Liberal Democratic Leadership," as part of the Science of Virtues Research Network based in the Center for Cognitive and Neuroscience Science at the University of Chicago.

Terry Sullivan has spent the year as W. Glenn Campbell Fellow in National Affairs at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, working on a book-length study of presidential leadership and on two articles about bargaining theory.

Georg Vanberg organized an NSF sponsored conference on "Automated Content Analysis and the Law," in Washington, D.C.

Jim Stimson, the Raymond Dawson Professor of Political Science, was recently named the 2010 recipient of the Warren E. Miller Prize of the American Political Science Association. Last year Stimson received the 2009 Career Achievement Award of the Society for Political Methodology.

An impressive seven political science majors have been awarded Phillips Ambassadors scholarships for study in Asia this summer and during the 2010-11 academic year.

UNC Charlotte

The Center for Applied Counterterrorism Studies organized the conference "Counterterrorism Since 9/11: What Have We Learned?" at the UNC Charlotte Uptown in March 2010.

The UNCC delegation to the North Carolina Student Legislature attended the 73rd Annual Session in Raleigh from April 15-18, 2010. Overall, the delegation won eight awards including overall Best Large Delegation.

On October 22nd and 23rd 2010, over 125 students from 3 states gathered at UNC Charlotte for the 21st Annual Charlotte's Carolina's Conference. The conference was hosted by the UNC Charlotte Model United Nations team. The team began preparation for the conference last April after successful conference wins in Washington, D.C and Taipei, Taiwan.

Beth Whitaker was a finalist in the 2010 Bank of America Excellence in Teaching Award. This is the only teaching award for UNC Charlotte as a whole.

Schley R. Lyons died on 17 July. Dean Lyons was the first chair of the Political Science Department at UNCC and served as Dean of Arts and Sciences for 25 years. He was a past President of NCPSA. He will be missed.

Jim Piazza left UNCC for Pennsylvania State University and Robert Christensen left for the University of Georgia. Theodore (Ted) Arrington and Gary Russel retired. Russel is on phased retirement and will continue to teach half time. The department is searching for two tenure-track positions this semester to partially compensate for these losses.

Claudia Avellaneda was chosen as one of the nine members of the Scientific Committee for the "International Research Society for the Latin American Public Management Conference" which will take place in Brasilia, May 9-10, 2011.

Our Model United Nations team completed four conferences in the last year. At the Southern Regional MUN in Atlanta the team won Outstanding Delegation awards for both of the countries represented and six outstanding delegate awards. At the Southeastern Regional Model Arab League event they won the Outstanding Delegation award, six outstanding delegate awards, and six honorable mention delegate awards. At the National University Model Arab League event in Georgetown they won the Honorable Mention Delegation award and four Honorable Mention Delegate Awards. At the Harvard World MUN with 1700 participants from over 60 countries, they won eight Outstanding Delegate Diplomacy awards. Eleven students from the team went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti in July to perform disaster relief in an orphanage housing more than 90 children.

Comments on the News from the President and Secretary

Our annual Conferences have shown tremendous growth in the last couple of years, and we are grateful for the active participation of so many North Carolina Political Scientists in these events. We look forward to having another super conference next February 25th at UNC Charlotte. We hope to see you all there.

However, we want to try to increase the number of submissions of “news” from around the state. We attempted to make the submissions easier by sending chairs (and members) a brief series of questions to focus responses. We also accepted institutional newsletters and condensed these for our report (e.g., from Chapel Hill and UNCC). That is more work for us, but well worth the trouble. We are open to suggestions on how to make the news part of our semi-annual newsletter more representative of the many achievements and events from around our state. Perhaps each member could take it upon him or herself to make sure that the department chair or secretary or some other person in the department responds to our requests for news starting next spring. Individual networking may be the key.

In compiling the news, we have not listed individual publications as this list would be very long and tedious. That is not to say that individual publications are not important, but that there are simply too many of them to list. We welcome a compilation of the numbers of publications (as shown in the NCSU section above). We only listed major grants, contracts, and fellowships. As a rule of thumb we list only grants of \$100,000 or more. If you read the news (above) you can get a good idea of what the news is supposed to be. We sincerely believe that this can be a valuable service to the members of NCPSA and political scientists in the state generally.