

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## Chair's remarks

JAMAL NASSAR

When a person turns 40, family and friends celebrate. The department turns 40 this year and we plan to celebrate. The celebration will take place on April 15, 2007, in conjunction with our annual awards ceremony. Alumni are invited to join us on this special occasion. But we do not mark our progress by years alone. This department has become one of the most distinctive in the country. Our faculty is very productive. On average, they produce more books than most major programs in the state. They also are attuned to their students' needs. Our students are doing very well in achieving. They win competitive awards on a regular basis, they are involved in university and community affairs, and they also excel in further study. A major point of pride for us is our alumni. Many of our alums come back to tell us about the love they have for this place. They also inform us of their successes in life. Just as our students are leaders on campus, our alums are leaders in all walks of life. Ultimately, that is our greatest measure of success. That is the real celebration on April 15, 2007.

*Jamal R. Nassar*

### NASSAR SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Professor Nassar is retiring from Illinois State in 2007 to become dean at California State University-San Bernardino. To honor his service, the department is establishing the Nassar Scholarship. To contribute, please complete the form on page 8.

## Since its 1966 beginning department has grown, changed, and kept students at the center

BY ELAINE GRAYBILL

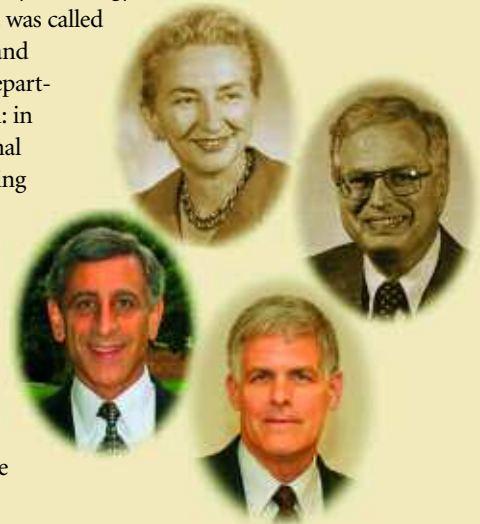
Politics and Government is marking four decades as a department. "We're a proud 40 years old, moving on to a new era of excellence," said Chairperson Professor Jamal Nassar.

The department was created in 1966 when the Social Sciences Department was divided into four new departments: Economics, History, Sociology-Anthropology, and Political Science. The department was called Political Science until 2000, when it became Politics and Government. The creation of the Political Science Department came during the University's greatest transition: in 1964 the name was changed from Illinois State Normal University (ISNU) to Illinois State University, signifying the institution's move from a teacher-training school to a general university. With that change came tremendous growth in the student body, which tripled from 5,000 to 15,000 during the 1960s.

Politics and Government has had four chairpersons, each one contributing something unique to the development of the department: Alice Ebel, Hibbert Roberts, Tom Eimermann, and Nassar. In addition, Dorothy Lee was acting chair for about nine months between Roberts and Eimermann.

Professor Emeritus Tom Wilson, who retired in 1992, was hired in 1961 by Professor Alice Ebel, the head of the political science area. Wilson, who had been a high school teacher in the Thornton Township school system while earning his doctorate at the University of Illinois, recalled that he was interviewed for the job by Ebel, Social Sciences Chairperson Ben Keeley, and Vice President Art Larsen. When Wilson came to ISNU, his fellow political science faculty were Ebel, Walter Kohn, Dave Sweet, and Ken Marcus. Wilson's initial teaching load was five courses and his starting salary was \$6,480 a year. Four courses was the standard load, Wilson said, with department chairpersons teaching three courses, which is a heavy load by today's standards. Wilson's specialty was state and local government. In the '60s, '70s, and '80s he supervised an internship program which placed students mostly with governmental bodies. He obtained a federal grant in 1971-1973 to help Illinois State University expand internship and community service programs.

By 1970, Wilson said, the following faculty had been added: Harvey Zeidenstein, Hibbert Roberts, Fred Roberts, Walter Mead, Joe Honan, Bob Hunt, Joel Verner, Alan Monroe, George Gordon, Tom Eimermann, Hoon Chung, and Dave Gillespie. Classes were taught in Schroeder Hall, as they are today, but faculty offices often were in far-flung locations on campus including in the west end of the Alamo bookstore.



(Clockwise from top left) Alice Ebel, Hibbert Roberts, Tom Eimermann, and Jamal Nassar

## John Gueguen

John Gueguen is in residence at Wespine Study Center, Kirkwood, Missouri (suburban St. Louis), since October 2005. The emphasis is on character building and leadership training, primarily aimed at professional excellence and through that, a salutary influence on the family and the larger society. He gives study-skills instruction to high school students, conducts a Friday evening seminar on Christian culture for graduate students, and a Sunday afternoon Great Books discussion for young adults. In short, he is still up to his old tricks—but slower moving and hardly walking at all due to congenital arthritis and neuropathy. This has restricted travel, in striking contrast to former years. Colleagues would note little change, however, in John's mental agility and drive.

Immediately following promotion to emeritus in 1996, John was the primary instigator of Lincoln Green Foundation, a private student residence next to the University of Illinois campus in Urbana. Its move that year to a former Busey mansion was preceded by seven years of gathering experience and trying out different programs in a temporary location while commuting to Illinois State. At Lincoln Green John served as senior mentor and maintained his large archive and book collection for the use of colleagues and students. He conducted several faculty seminars and compiled two large volumes of "Lost Writings" after acquiring electronic expertise. He is a contributor to *Voegelin Recollected*, forthcoming from the University of Missouri Press (ed. Barry Cooper). He is a book reviewer for an online opinion journal, *Mercator*. In 2000 John made his final overseas trip to Rome for a bimillennial university congress hosted by John Paul II for professors from 90 countries.

The move away from a university campus in 2005 broke 54 years of continuous contact with centers of higher education and day-to-day contact with students and teachers in a campus setting. John's new window on the world—a computer in one of three work areas at Wespine—puts him in contact with even more students and colleagues worldwide. John's workspace in Kirkwood includes his entire archive and the section of his library devoted to 19th and 20th century cultural and political thought. The rest remains in Urbana.

John tries to keep current with developments in the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois

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Professor Emeritus John Gueguen (1972–1996) with students at Wespine Study Center, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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Wilson recalls Ebel as "a terrific person—very dedicated." She had been at ISNU since 1934 and served in a high position in the military in World War II. In the early 1960s Ebel was the first woman elected to the McLean County Board, which did not go over well with some of the "good old boys." Wilson said one of her board committees held its first meeting after she was elected in the men's restroom at the courthouse so that she could not attend. However, Wilson said, "Alice was a tough old gal...and I think she made sure they didn't do that again." Ebel contributed to the rapidly changing role of women in society. Wilson said Ebel donated her county board salary to a fund whose purpose was to motivate women students at the University to get involved in politics. By the end of her life she had endowed the Alice Ebel Academic Scholarship for female political science majors. Ebel did a lot of writing on local government issues and structure. She was editor for the county government section of the *National Civic Review*. Ebel believed the governments of Bloomington and Normal should merge, and she organized intergovernmental assessment conferences to study consolidation.

In 1968 Hibbert Roberts became acting chairperson. The following year the "acting" designation was removed and he went on to lead the department for 22 years. In 1970 he hired George Gordon, from the doctoral program at Syracuse University, to teach public administration. Gordon's public administration textbook, first released in 1978, is in its ninth edition. Three of the five faculty members who started on the same day in the fall semester of 1970—Gordon, Eimermann, and Monroe—retired on the same day: June 1, 2002.

Gordon has high praise for Roberts, who was one of the reasons he chose Illinois State University. During his job interview, Gordon recalled, he also got a positive impression from meeting Kohn, and Hunt and his wife, Deanna. "Hib was the kind of chair who appealed to me," Gordon said. "He never came across as an autocrat. That was the year when everybody was talking about 'publish or perish.' Hib said, 'This is not a publish-or-perish institution, but we do want to see evidence of professional growth.' That struck me as exactly the way to approach a new faculty member, because it put the responsibility on the individual."

Both Gordon and Wilson talked about the positive influence Roberts had on the department. "Some of the values Hib tried to impart to the department took hold," Gordon said.

Wilson said, "I think it was Hib's influence that really got a lot of super-good people here" on the faculty. Roberts' tenure as chair lasted until he fell victim to cancer in 1992.

Tom Eimermann was a 22-year veteran of the department who had taught pre-law and developed the paralegal program and the mock trial competition before starting his six-year stint as chair in 1992. He had been hired by Hibbert Roberts from the University of Illinois doctoral program to develop a pre-law curriculum. Eimermann characterized the era when he led the department as a time of great change. He and Professor Bob Hunt oversaw the beginning of the multidisciplinary Adlai E. Stevenson II Center for Community and Economic Development/Peace Corps Program. Also from Eimermann's watch are the annual student research conference that continues to attract students worldwide and the Attorneys Advisory Board. Eimermann is author of three widely used textbooks in the paralegal field.

Upon becoming chair, Eimermann led the department in a major revision of its graduate and undergraduate curricula, the first comprehensive revision since the 1970s. When he hired people to replace retiring faculty, Eimermann said, he brought people on board who fit into the changing curriculum, who added ethnic and gender diversity, and who increased the scholarly output of the department through their own publications and by "helping to change the environment within the department with respect to scholarly publications."

Professor Jamal Nassar, an expert on Middle Eastern politics, succeeded Eimermann as chair and ushered in yet another era of growth in multiple areas. The numbers are a certain sign of growth in the department, which now has 23 permanent faculty lines and about 400 majors and 200 minors. Nassar spearheaded changing the name of the department.

Nassar is proud of the student-centered nature of the department in his time as chairperson. He founded the electronic student journal *Critique*, which publishes four to six student articles a year out of nearly 100 that are submitted from all over the world. During his tenure the department has formalized the sequences for graduate students and undergraduate majors and created a lifestyle floor in a residence hall. Nassar has overseen the development of a departmental strategic plan, and the launching of a new Web site,

www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu. Largely because of retirements, one-third of the department's faculty have been hired since Nassar became chair.

Nassar sees more exciting growth as the department discusses establishing a Ph.D. in global politics and a sequence in security studies in the master's program.

The department was mentioned by name as one of the strong areas in the Yale *Insider's Guide to Colleges* that praised Illinois State University for its small-school atmosphere. Kevin Conner '80, M.S. '87, program administrator, taxpayer services for the Illinois Department of Revenue, had a specific experience of that nurturing small-school atmosphere when he was a political science graduate student with two children, ages 3 and 4. Conner's international relations seminar with Nassar was changed from an evening to an afternoon time that conflicted with Conner's child-care responsibilities. Nassar suggested that Conner bring the children to class, and he did. Amazingly, he said, it worked, with his younger child napping through each class and his older child listening to children's books on headphones or even to the lectures. "It really helped in my situation," Conner said, and allowed him to finish his degree in one year. Conner had many other good things to say about the program and how it prepared him to be able to write clearly and "to think and be rational in my analysis" in his career. He named a list of faculty who provided him with meaningful educational experiences, both in and out of the classroom. "In my career I have tried to be mindful of the examples they set through their actions," he said.

A history of the department can be found on its Web site at [www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu/about](http://www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu/about). The Politics and Government Department will celebrate its 40th anniversary at an awards ceremony, reception, and banquet in the Bone Student Center on April 15, 2007.

## Illinois State University mock trial tournament

BY THOMAS EIMERMANN

Illinois State University recently hosted its fifth annual Intercollegiate Invitational Mock Trial Tournament at the McLean County Law and Justice Center in Bloomington. The tournament involved 24 teams from 14 Midwest colleges and universities.

The McLean County Bar Association and the Inns of Court help recruit local judges and attorneys to judge the mock trials that take place during the competition. Professor Emeritus Thomas Eimermann serves as the educator coach, while Illinois State mock trial alumni Mick Hall '89 and Scott Kording '02 are the teams' attorney coaches.

Two Illinois State University mock trial teams participated in the tournament.



Current members of the Red Team (AMTA #980) are (front row, left to right) Jeannie LaBarbara (political science), Tess Green (political science), Marie Guillo (political science), Katie Bettendorf (English/Spanish); and (back row, left to right) Abisola Adekoya (English/political science), Jon Mikrut (political science), Jenny Cox (journalism/political science), and Matthew Schmidt (social sciences education).

Red Team captain Abisola Adekoya won both Outstanding Attorney and Outstanding Witness awards at the tournament.

The Illinois State University mock trial team, established in 1988, teaches students how to construct arguments for real-world situations that could develop in a courtroom. The team has been nationally ranked for the past five years. More information about the success of the 2005–2006 team can be found in the article on the Pre-Law Awards Banquet (page 9).



Current members of the White Team (AMTA #981) are (left to right) Tom Ponce (political science/history education), Kristi Radusewicz (economics/English), Stefanie Pipis (political science), Brandon Kelsey (political science), Nate Kappes (music business), Lauren Peterson (political science/religious studies), Melissa Parker (criminal justice sciences), and Kristin Aumann (political science/philosophy).

State, and is happy to maintain the annual Thomas More Scholarship, awarded to a high-achieving student in political theory every spring.

## Bob Hunt

While it has taken me some time, I am finally thinking and acting more and more like a retired guy. Fred Roberts told me that I would recognize progress toward that goal by the number of times I have to ask others what day it is. By that standard, I am moving right along!



Professor Emeritus  
Bob Hunt, 1969–2002

While Dee and I are making a few trips, we have not yet returned to some of our earlier residences in India, Thailand, South Korea, or Kenya. We do hope to do that someday, combining it with a longer trip to visit friends in Australia. In the meantime, we are mainly responding to opportunities to see the United States and Canada.

Otherwise, my activities are with my church, community projects, and also with the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development at Illinois State. At the center I serve as a senior faculty fellow—a volunteer position, but I do have an office! This arrangement allows me to work with a variety of efforts, including those directed at creating programs for microfinance and poverty alleviation.

I have continued with some regular academic pursuits. I have published papers in the last couple of years on Mohandas Gandhi and on microenterprise projects. I continue to advise a few students on theses and capstone papers, and am serving as a sounding board for our son Drew, who is completing his master's thesis.

While I do miss teaching, after having taught one seminar for four years after retirement, I am now pleased to let that be a positive memory.

## Annual telefund

Undoubtedly you will be receiving a telephone call from a student seeking your donations to the Department of Politics and Government Excellence Fund in March this year.

We would appreciate any help you could earmark for our program. In the last few years your contributions have allowed us to provide student scholarships, student travel awards to professional conferences, and engaging speakers such as Nakhle Bishara and Noam Chomsky. Please help in any way that you can.

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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT...

### 40th anniversary celebration

The Department of Politics and Government will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in conjunction with the annual honors banquet on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 6 p.m., in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center. Information for the celebration will be posted on the department Web site: [www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu](http://www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu).

### Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture

Source: *Daily Vidette*, October 12, 2006

Professor Nakhle Bishara delivered the Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture on Public Policy on Tuesday, October 10, in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center. His talk, entitled “The Middle East and the West: Is There Room for Accommodation?”, began with a brief historical background of the Middle East and then moved to the current problems facing the Middle East. Bishara discussed key issues regarding Palestine and Israel such as the fear of colonizing lands in Palestine and the Hamas-led Palestinian government. As Bishara said, “Palestine is talking about peace based on justice. Israel is talking about peace based on acceptance and security. Both are right. There is no peace without security and no real peace without acceptance or justice.” He ended his lecture on an optimistic note, stating “...it is possible to have peace between Israel and Palestine. But they must each first accept each other’s right to exist and make the dream real.”

*Professor Hibbert R. Roberts was chair of the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University for 22 years. This lectureship was established by his family and friends to honor Roberts, who was a mentor, colleague, advocate, and friend to faculty and students alike.*



### Critique listed on APSA Web site

The American Political Science Association (APSA) has included the Politics and Government journal *Critique* on their Web site, calling for submissions of manuscripts ([www.apsanet.org/section\\_572.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/section_572.cfm)). *Critique* provides a forum for graduate and undergraduate students to express and exchange diverse ideas and to imagine new possibilities for democracy and justice. “*Critique* and *Recounting the Past* [published by the Department of History] are two high-quality journals highlighting student research that are published in our departments,” said Dean Gary Olson. “Many of our own students—undergraduate and graduate—are published in these journals, and this speaks to the quality of the academic experience our students receive,” he emphasized. *Critique* is also listed in the Undergraduate Journals and Conferences Directory (<http://upd.mercyhurst.edu>), and on the Web site of *International Affairs Journal* at University of California, Davis.



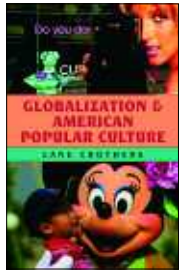
### New faculty profile: Olukayode Ajayi

Olukayode “Ky” Ajayi ’90, M.S. ’92, joins the Department of Politics and Government as an instructional assistant professor. Prior to assuming his teaching position, Ajayi worked as an environmental consultant in Chicago and as the business manager for a teleradiology firm. His areas of interest and expertise include African politics, global issues, quantitative reasoning, and Middle Eastern politics.



Barry Colvin sends greetings to former students and other friends in the department. He’s continuing to recover—slowly—from the stroke he suffered in February 2005. He’s getting lots of therapy, he’s in good spirits, and he enjoys visits from old friends.

## Books in print



Professor Lane Crothers has authored *Globalization and American Popular Culture* with Rowman and Littlefield. The focus of the book is how American movies, music, and television programs attract interest in United States politics and culture in the context of globalization and, in reverse, how these products inspire fear of and concern about the ways the United States might dominate world culture—leading to a generic, hyper-consumer world culture. In specifying what popular culture is, Crothers examines products like movies, music, and television programs that are created for mass audiences, often using industrial, large-scale production methods. Crothers also published “Globalization and the Representation of Gender in American Popular Culture” in the *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, v. 5, 2005–2006.

Professor Emeritus Tom Eimmermann continues to author paralegal textbooks. Aspen Publishing has just released a third edition of *Introduction to Paralegal Studies: A Critical Thinking Approach*.

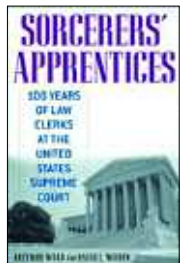


Professor Nancy Lind has published *Comparative Public Administration: The Essential Readings* with Elsevier LTD. Public administration scholars and practitioners are increasingly concerned with the need to broaden the field’s scope beyond particularistic accounts of administration in given countries. *Comparative Public Administration* is the first major collection of contributions of major field leaders in this millennium. Lind also published “Administrative Agencies in a Technological Era: Are Eavesdropping and Wiretapping Now Acceptable without Probable Cause?” in *International Journal of Public Administration*, v. 29, no. 14 (2006): 1397–1410.

Professor Richard J. Payne has authored *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture* with Pearson/Longman. *Global Issues* is a current and topical exploration of the forces driving globalization. From human rights and terrorism to global inequality and environmental issues, this text focuses on global affairs that transcend and are transforming states and international relations. It is the only text of its kind to put issues into comprehensive context, thereby highlighting the growing economic, political, and cultural interdependence that is taking place in the world today.



Professor David Weiden’s new book, *Sorcerers’ Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court*, was recently featured in the *Washington Post*. In the book, published by NYU Press, Weiden and his co-author examine the question, “Do clerks make actual decisions, which are then imparted to justices, or are clerks only research assistants, carrying out the instructions of the decision-makers, the justices?” Ward and Weiden then reveal the unique relationship between clerk and justice as sometimes being more than just informational. The book’s provocative hypothesis is that Supreme Court clerks have not only written judicial opinions, but have also made significant decisions about cases. “Based on judicial working papers and extensive interviews, the authors have compiled the most complete picture to date of the transformation of Supreme Court law clerks from stenographers to ghost-writers,” said Dennis J. Hutchinson, editor of *The Supreme Court Review*. Ward and Weiden’s comprehensive examination of how the role of the law clerk has changed over time is based on Supreme Court archives, the personal papers of justices and other figures at the Supreme Court, and interviews and written surveys from 150 former Supreme Court law clerks.



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## Political science honors awards

The annual Department of Politics and Government and Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Reception was held April 20, 2006, in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center. The following students received recognition:

### PI SIGMA ALPHA INDUCTEES

Carolina Flores	Diane C. Pueschel
Donna Hamilton	Brandon Punke
Kimberly Kozel	Vanda Rajcan
Maura Matuszak	Kalen Tjarks
Mark McConaughay	Stewart Wall
Elise K. Melrose	K. Lavon Wright

### CONFERENCE PAPER AWARDS

#### Undergraduate

First Place—Karen Emmerson, University of Iowa  
Second Place—Morgan Weiland, Carleton College  
Third Place—Kyle Gorenwold, Eureka College, and Ali Wyne, MIT

#### Graduate

First Place—Evan McKay, DePaul University  
Second Place—Dana Van De Walker, Illinois State University  
Third Place—Megan Kerr, Northern Illinois University

### HIBBERT R. ROBERTS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Mark Swenson

### TOM WILSON AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Christopher Frank

### ALICE EBEL AWARD

Elise Melrose Emily Wittrig

### POLITICAL SCIENCE MINDRITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Marie Guillo

### THOMAS MORE SCHOLARSHIP IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Kara Bavery

### FRANK M. AND HERMINA R. GIORDANO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Michael Bailey William Dority

### FIELD AWARDS

#### Comparative government/international relations

Vanda Rajcan

#### American government

Jacob Owen

#### Public law

Christopher Frank

#### Public administration

Demitria Bazzell Todd Long

### OUTSTANDING LEGAL STUDIES STUDENT

Jeffrey Saliba

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Nadia Negrustueva

### CHARTER DEPARTMENT GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Matthew Hindman

### PI SIGMA ALPHA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Ali Riaz Julie Webber

### HIBBERT R. ROBERTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION AWARD

Bernard Ivan Tamas

## STUDENT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES...

### Robert G. Bone Scholar

Elise Melrose, a senior political science major, has been awarded the Robert G. Bone Scholarship, the highest honor bestowed upon undergraduates at Illinois State University. The scholarships were established to honor former President Robert G. Bone. Only 14 students are awarded this scholarship each year and are selected through departmental nomination and a rigorous selection process.

Over the years, Elise has been involved in Red Tassel Mortar Board, Partners in Reading at the Normal Public Library, II Circolo Italiano, Senior Professionals, and the University Hearing Panel. She has also coached speech at University High School. Most of Elise's time is spent volunteering with the Extended Day Program of McLean County's Juvenile Court Services. She has tutored, created a reading program, and led group sessions for at-risk youth.

After graduation Elise plans on attending law school and pursuing a career in child law.



Elise Melrose with parents

## First International Maria Elena Moyano Seminar on Democracy and Human Rights in Peru

BY DAVID FOREST

Professor Carlos A. Parodi and 15 students from the Department of Politics and Government returned after spending a month in Lima, Peru, as participants in the First



Professor Parodi (far right, second row) poses with Illinois State University students and Peruvian hosts in front of the Universidad del Pacifico.

International Maria Elena Moyano Seminar on Democracy and Human Rights. In addition to attending the seminar they were present for the first Peruvian national election since the resignation of President Alberto Fujimori and the specter of human rights abuses and corruption which had cast a pall

over the country since the early 1990s. In light of this and atrocities committed by the Shining Path during this time period and tense relations with the United States, Peru is on the verge of emerging from a tragic period in its long history.

The rise to prominence in Peru by the Shining Path began more than a decade of pain and violence still felt to this day. The turbulent years between 1980 and the mid-1990s were the result of a struggle for power among various groups within Peru which ultimately resulted in close to 70,000 deaths, a deposed dictator, and the creation of the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Maria Elena Moyano seminar is a collaborative effort between Illinois State University, Universidad del Pacifico (UP), and CEAPAZ—Center for Peace Studies and Action (Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz) and is conducted in Lima, Peru. The seminar introduces students to the political, economic, and social areas of modern Peru and provides them with a chance to experience the cultures and see what has been accomplished in the field of human rights, especially in the wake of the losses suffered as a result of the Shining Path and Alberto Fujimori's regime.

The seminar features lectures, discussions, workshops, and actual participation in ongoing human rights projects to give the students first-hand experience. Students attended classes from Monday through Thursday to discuss and debate current issues and policies focusing on a variety of relevant topics. Field trips introduced the students to local governments, historic sites, and cultural sites to help the students gain a greater under-

standing of the unique history of Peru, how it developed, and how it subsequently affects modern Peruvian society.

The seminar intends to help students understand Peru's historical, economic, and social background; gain theoretical and practical knowledge of human rights organizations and human-rights violations in Peru; participate directly in human-rights programs; experience life in Peru and understand the culture within which the defense for human rights takes place; contribute to the defense and protection of human rights in Peru; and develop a lasting friendship with the land of Peru and its people.

Ten scholarships were awarded by the Department of Politics and Government to participants from the University to help defray costs.

Students participated in several human-rights projects such as Youth Programs of Violence Treatment and Prevention; Educational Programs for Women and Children; Community Development project at Cerro El Pino, Villa El Salvador, and Municipalidad de Ate; as well as debates with students from UP and PUCP Catholic University, discussion with the head of Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Coordinator for Human Rights, and consideration of the future of United States-Peru relations.

The seminar is dedicated to the memory of Maria Elena Moyano, who was a Peruvian social fighter and vocal feminist leader. She was assassinated in Lima by a Shining Path death squad on February 15, 1992, at age 33. The spirit of Maria Elena Moyano is alive in the heart of all human-rights activists in Peru as a symbol of defense of human rights, peace, and justice.

## Election coverage

Adam Hellman and Theodora Kahn, both undergraduate political science majors, provided live commentary on election night at a local radio station, WJBC-AM. They briefly discussed U.S. Senate races that they had analyzed as part of an assignment for Professor Bradley's "Campaign Politics" course. Adam discussed the Senate race in Montana, and Theodora discussed the Senate race in Pennsylvania. Bradley also provided commentary as part of an election coverage team for the radio station.

## Students attend seminar in Washington, D.C.

Two undergraduate political science majors, Michael Bailey and Brad Melzer, attended the "Leaders on Leadership '06: Critical Issues in the Age of Globalization" academic seminar sponsored by the Washington Center this past May. The seminar was designed to provide students the opportunity to explore how current and future leaders in Washington, D.C., work to address important public policy issues that impact U.S. society within a global context. The seminar consisted of a variety of presentations, briefings, personal interviews, site visits, and tours.



Brad Melzer (left) and Michael Bailey at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

## Pre-law student conference

BY ROBERT BRADLEY,  
PRE-LAW ADVISOR

The first-ever Illinois State University Pre-Law Conference was held on October 6 in Stevenson Hall. Professor Robert Bradley, Illinois State University's pre-law advisor, and Rachael Toft '01, a member of the Attorneys Advisory Board for Illinois State, were the primary organizers for the conference. They were provided valuable assistance by Deborah Fox from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The conference was designed to provide pre-law students with valuable insights about getting admitted to law school, being successful in law school, and getting a job in the legal profession. The conference started with a session on law school admission policies and practices. The directors of admissions from the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois law schools gave brief presentations and responded to questions from the audience. The next session was devoted to the realities of law school. Illinois State alums who are law school students at John Marshall, Southern Illinois, and the University of Minnesota law schools gave short talks about what law school is like and responded to questions from the audience. The students were also alums of Illinois State's mock trial team, and each said that the experiences on the team aided them greatly in regard to being successful in law school.

The final session was designed to expose all students to different practice areas in the field of law. Seven practicing attorneys, all Illinois State alums representing different legal specialties and occupational settings, were each stationed at a table. After brief introductions, students had the opportunity to converse with the attorneys. After about 10 minutes, students could remain at the table or switch to a different table to talk to another attorney. The attorneys and students responded very well to this format and gave it high marks in their conference evaluations.

The conclusion of the conference featured a law school fair attended by the representatives of seven law schools and a representative from Princeton Review. Beyond the opportunity to talk at length to the representatives, the highlight of the fair was a raffle which included prizes such as a DVD of season one of *Boston Legal* and application fee waivers for certain law schools. The feedback from the students was very positive—virtually every attendee recommended holding the conference again.



Panelists speaking on "What Is Law School Really Like?" at the Illinois State University Pre-Law Conference were (left to right) Professor Bradley, Brandi Figari from the University of Minnesota Law School, Morghan Gleason '05 from John Marshall Law School, and Adam Ghrist '04 from Southern Illinois University Law School.

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## NEWS FROM THE FACULTY...

**Professor Robert Bradley** was recently named a Carnegie Fellow for the Political Engagement Project at Illinois State. His responsibilities include fostering ideas for infusing political engagement activities into the University's general education curriculum and developing more political participation among students.

**Professors Michaelene Cox, Ali Riaz, Kam Shapiro, and T.Y. Wang** received the College of Arts and Science's Research Enhancement awards for the 2006–2007 academic year.

**Professor Jamal Nassar** delivered an invited lecture entitled "Is Peace Possible?" at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. Sponsored by a wide array of organizations, including the Victorian Peace Network, the Globalism Institute, the Australian Arabic Council, the Palestinian Charity Association, and the Australian Jewish Democratic Society, the lecture focused on the issues of the Israeli and Palestinian conflict as well as the ramifications of the elections in Israel and the election of Hamas, the Islamic party. "Our world is full of tyrants. International law does not prevent them nor does it allow other countries to declare war just because they do not approve of the policies of such leaders. Tyranny is best fought with justice, not war," said Nassar. "We need to set the example of a fair and just global leader and then lend a helping hand to all those fighting tyranny and oppression all over the world."

### NASSAR SCHOLARSHIP

Contributions to the Nassar Scholarship, established in Professor Jamal Nassar's honor upon his 2007 retirement, will support such activities as student overseas travel, student research and teaching assistantships, and student travel to conferences. To contribute, please complete the form on the left.

**Professor Ali Riaz** spoke recently at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. His talk, "Bangladesh's Barometer: Impending National Elections Amidst Political Conflict and Rising Islamism," focused on rising Islamist militancy in Bangladesh. Riaz's scholarly work on Islamic militancy in Bangladesh bears directly on international issues concerning Islamic countries and their role in the world. Bangladesh is the third-largest Muslim country in the world and has been a practicing democracy since 1991. The country is scheduled to hold a national election in January 2007. Riaz warns that Bangladesh is experiencing a crisis of governance. Political activists from various parties are attempting to influence the elections through violence and rioting. He also presented "Portrayal of Madrassahs in Western Press after 9/11" at the Midwest International Studies annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, and "Understanding Madrassahs: Beyond Security Concerns" and "Reforming Pakistani Madrassahs: Déjà Vu?" at the annual conference on South Asia.

**Professor T.Y. Wang** (with **G. Andy Chang**) published "External Threats and Political Tolerance in Taiwan," *Political Research Quarterly*, v. 59, no. 3 (2006): 377–388; and "Extended Deterrence and U.S. Policy towards the Taiwan Issue: Implications for East Asia and Taipei," *Taiwan Defense Affairs*, v. 6, no. 1 (2005): 176–195.

Wang's presentations included the following:

- "Electoral Participation and Political Efficacy: A Cross-National Analysis," paper delivered at the International Conference on Taiwan Election and Democratization Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, October 21, 2006 (with Ching-Hsing Wang)
- "External Threat and Voting Behavior: An Analysis of Taiwan's 2004 Presidential Election," paper delivered at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31–September 3, 2006



# Pre-Law Awards Banquet

BY THOMAS EIMERMANN

On Saturday, April 29, the Illinois State University pre-law program celebrated the sixth annual Pre-Law Awards Banquet. Students, faculty, staff, and university attorney alums gathered in the Old Main Room at the Bone Student Center for the banquet honoring six distinguished students of the pre-law program. The Honorable Ole Bly Pace III, partner in Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C., in Sterling, Illinois, and former president of the Illinois State Bar Association, delivered the keynote address. The banquet is sponsored by the Attorneys Advisory Board—a group of 30 attorney alums who support the University's pre-law program through advising, mentoring, and providing financial support.

Illinois State's mock trial attorney coach, Mick Hall '89, member of the Attorneys Advisory Board, and attorney with the Hall Law Group, Ltd., in Peoria, presented the mock trial awards. The award for Mock Trial Outstanding Witness went to Josh Rinker, a senior political science major. Abisola Adekoya, a junior English major, was honored with the Outstanding Attorney Award. The Mock Trial Leadership Award, which honors the mock trial team member who exhibits strong leadership skills and makes significant contributions to team spirit and unity, went to Benjamin Brockschmidt, a senior political science major. The Mock Trial Distinguished Service Award was given to Barry Tolchin, a political science graduate student and non-team member who dedicated his service and time as a volunteer coach for the mock trial team.

Hall also presented the Carl Kasten Pre-Law Leadership Award to Josh Rinker. This award honors a graduating pre-law student who exhibits strong leadership skills and makes significant contributions to extracurricular law-related activities at the University. The award is named after Carl Kasten, a founding member of the board and chair from 2002 to 2004, for his extraordinary commitment to pre-law education at Illinois State.

Robert Bradley, pre-law advisor, presented the Tom Eimmermann Outstanding Pre-Law Student Award to Elise Melrose and Christopher Frank, both seniors in political science. This award is given to graduating pre-law students who demonstrate the highest level of academic performance along with significant participation in extracurricular university activities and community service.

The banquet also celebrated the recent accomplishments of the mock trial team at the American Mock Trial Association's national championship tournament recently held in Des Moines, Iowa. Illinois State excelled in individual awards with three students receiving All-American honors, which only three other teams in the nation have accomplished. Abisola Adekoya was honored with the All-American Attorney Award, and Josh Rinker and Tess Green earned All-American Witness Awards. Illinois State's team finished 14th in the division, earning a draw with Princeton University in the first round, defeating Cornell University in the second round, losing to Harvard University in the third round, and finally drawing with Duke University in the fourth round.

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# Pre-Law Advisement Center

BY ROBERT BRADLEY,  
PRE-LAW ADVISOR

Steve Reising, a senior political science major, works in the Pre-Law Advisement Center as a volunteer staffer. He assists pre-law students in applying to law schools by responding to their questions and directing them to the host of materials available at the center. He also helps administer the Pre-Law Mentoring Program in which pre-law students are matched up with Illinois State alumni who are attorneys and judges. The matches are made on the basis of similarities of interests in law schools and legal practice areas. If any students are interested in becoming part of the mentoring program they should go to the Pre-Law Advisement Center located in 423 Schroeder Hall and fill out a questionnaire. If any alums are willing to serve as mentors in the program, they should contact Professor Bradley at (309) 438-8944 or send him an e-mail at rbradley@IllinoisState.edu.

## Law Club

Jeannie Labarbara, a senior political science major, is one of the co-presidents of Illinois State's Law Club. As part of her duties, she helped organize the Illinois State University Pre-Law Conference, arranged law school tours, and planned discussions about selecting law schools and steps to take when applying.

## Alumni: We need your help

BY NANCY LIND

Many of you are now successful professionals who can help our current students. Many students are looking for paid and unpaid internships and jobs in the administrative, governmental, legal, or political fields. If you know of any openings, please send a brief job/internship announcement, requirements, and contact information to Internship Director Nancy S. Lind at [ns lind@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:ns lind@IllinoisState.edu). Not only will you connect with other Illinois State University Politics and Government students but you may also find the talent you have been seeking for your organization. We continue to have some of the best and brightest students in the University.

## Alumni honor Hoon Mok Chung, one of Illinois State's finest

On October 5, 2006, the inaugural Hoon Mok Chung Memorial Lecture, arranged and hosted by the Office of the President, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development, and the Department of Politics and Government, was held on campus. This was the first of many efforts to honor Hoon Mok Chung, L.H.D. '93, who taught political science at Illinois State from 1971 to 1979. He went on to become president of the Import-Export Bank of Korea, special advisor to two presidents of the Republic of Korea, and executive director of the Asian Development Bank. He was also chairman of Hyundai Construction and Engineering, a director at the World Bank, and a consultant and investment banker.



The memory of Professor Chung lives on at the University through the efforts of two appreciative Illinois State students. Frank Plantan '75 and Gary Talarico '75, M.S. '78, are partnering to create the Hoon Mok Chung Fellowship. "He helped launch many careers, but more important, he did so by leading students through a Socratic process to find the answers to their future themselves," said Plantan, who is codirector of the International Relations Program at the University of Pennsylvania. "Ten, twenty, and thirty years after they left his classroom, they remember his influence on their thinking, choices, and lives." Chung died in 2005 but his Illinois State legacy is still strong, as he is remembered as a devoted mentor and colleague. "As a teacher, he was without peer," Plantan said.

Gary Talarico, who is managing director of Sun Capital in New York and spent over 25 years of his professional career involved in Japan, delivered the first lecture in the Bone Student Center to an audience of 150+ current students, alumni, faculty, and friends of



Professor Chung. The talk addressed the evolution of the Japanese economy and offered personal, heartwarming insight into how one professor can change the academic and career path of students. Many young political science majors left wondering if they, too, could have careers as illustrious as Chung and his students.

Plantan and Talarico are committed to working with other alumni to raise \$1 million for the fellowship. The endowment will provide annual support for a student to complete an international study/work experience, as well as support the Hoon Mok Chung Lecture Series. These efforts will promote the understanding of global development issues and the study of political and economic development, international

business, and international finance at Illinois State. Chung challenged his students and colleagues to think deeply about the special challenges of bettering the human condition through economics and public policy. In this spirit, the lecture will bring recognized leaders in the professional development community to the Illinois State campus; the fellowship will accomplish what Chung was often able to do—open the eyes of young minds to a world of possibility. Both serve the purpose of educating faculty, students, and the community about the international political economy and the local-global relationships on which it is built.

The 2007 events will feature Ira Lieberman, a senior economic advisor at the Open Society Institute and former director at the World Bank. Please contact the Stevenson Center at (309) 438-7090 or [stevensoncenter@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:stevensoncenter@IllinoisState.edu) for details.

To learn more or contribute to the memorial endowment, contact Dorothy Witte, director of development, at (309) 438-3134 or [dmwitte@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:dmwitte@IllinoisState.edu).

## Alumni abroad

Joel Fritzler, M.S. '00, a research project and information specialist in the Office of Research Development and Administration at Southern Illinois University, returned October 7, 2006, from a three-week fellowship in Germany. Joel was one of four Americans selected for the John J. McCloy Fellowship Program in Urban Affairs. The program began in 1976 and is sponsored by the American Council on Germany, the Deutscher Staedtetag, and the National League of Cities, United States. The fellowships are part of a wider program intended to give promising young Americans and Germans in a number of fields an opportunity to broaden their professional experience and establish relationships with their counterparts abroad. Under the Urban Affairs division of the program, eight fellowships are awarded each year, four each to Americans and Germans.

They visited seven German cities and met with various municipal leaders to learn about their governmental structures. The other three Americans included a police sergeant from Phoenix, an environmental services superintendent from Corpus Christi, and the economic development manager from Colorado Springs. In late March, four German fellows will visit Carbondale during their three-week trip around the United States.



Joel Fritzler (far left) pictured with fellows at the bahnhof (train station) in Duisburg with German hosts



Nadia Negrustueva (bottom, second from left) with representatives of youth groups in Juba, south Sudan

## Alumna with War Child in Sudan, Africa

**NADIA NEGRUSTUEVA, M.S. '06, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: TECHNOLOGY/PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

After graduating from Illinois State in May 2006 I started working for War Child Holland in Sudan. I am based in the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, and frequently travel to the south of Sudan where War Child has its field offices. "War Child Holland strives for healthy mental development of children who have lived through war. This will enable them to contribute to a peaceful future. War Child specializes in providing psycho-social assistance to children in former war zones, using all kinds of creative methods" ([www.warchild.nl](http://www.warchild.nl)). I work as an operations support manager (administration, finance, human resources, logistics, and security) supporting the country office and three field offices. I am also involved in the capacity building of partners—providing various trainings to community-based organizations (CBOs) and youth groups.

Sudan is the largest country in Africa in size and varies dramatically in terms of climate, ethnicity, language, religion, and culture. During the past five decades Sudan was involved in a number of conflicts on the local, country, and regional levels, making the political life of Sudan a complicated mix of different layers. The diversity in Sudan makes the country remarkable, and at the same time contributes to country's political complications.

In 2004–2005, completing my professional practice through Illinois State University's Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development, I worked for War Child Holland in Sierra-Leone. The knowledge I gained while studying at the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State and the experience I gained through my professional practice helps me a great deal in my current work in Sudan, which is a very challenging and yet very interesting country.

## News from alumnus in Peace Corps, El Salvador, Central America

**JERMAIN GRIFFIN, M.S. '06  
PEACE CORPS MASTER'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

It seems like just yesterday that I arrived in El Salvador drowning in my own sweat and jitters over this beyond-the-frontier experience I was about to enter. Nearly 18 months later I can laugh at that time because I now realize what a great decision it was to join the Peace Corps. I can also reflect on the countless learning experiences I have encountered through my work as a youth developer.

I have lived and worked in both a tiny village of 350 people as well as an artisan town of more than 8,000 people. I have worked with

community-managed schools, local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community associations to develop projects promoting children's rights, raising awareness of the dangers of child labor, using education as a tool to avoid delinquency, and encouraging rural health education.

One of the most valuable things I have learned from my campus courses in the Peace Corps Master's International Program through the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development is that social capital is a vital component of local development. One of the three goals of Peace Corps is to promote a better understanding of Americans abroad. This is an essential part of what we do as volunteers. By sharing my culture and values while embracing theirs, I garnered the social capital needed to collaborate with my communities to advance local development projects as well as great friendships.



Jermain front and center with the youth of San Antonio Grande welcoming Peace Corps trainees

## Alumni accomplishments

**Tom Campbell '75, M.S. '83**, has been elected as managing partner of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, a full-service corporate law firm with 80 attorneys in St. Louis, Missouri.

**John R. Davis '78** received a master's degree in public policy from Regent University in Alexandria, Virginia. He has taken a position as director of legislative programs with Fleet Reserve Association in Alexandria.

**Daniel R. Sale '86** received an M.B.A. in 1993 from Sangamon State University (University of Illinois at Springfield) and is in his 13th year as the executive vice president of the Capital Area Association of Realtors in Springfield. He earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation conferred by the American Society of Association Executives and is enrolled in a certificate program through the Graham School of Nonprofit Management at the University of Chicago.

**Eric Nicoll '89** works at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.

**Hardy Figueroa, M.S. '95**, is assistant director of alumni relations at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

**Patrick Carlson '98, M.S. '00**, has worked on the campaigns for Denny Hastert and recently Topinka for Governor.

**Steven Brandstedt '99** has joined the law firm of Adler, Murphy, and McQuillen in Chicago. The firm specializes in aviation, products liability, toxic tort, and commercial and employment law.

**Samuel Snyder '01** passed the Illinois bar exam in 2005 and works for a law firm in Peoria that deals primarily in real estate law.

**Hannah Landis '04** owns and operates Coffee Nation, a coffee shop at the corner of Towanda-Barnes and G.E. Road in Bloomington.

**JeriAnne Hose-Ryan, M.S. '04**, was selected by the College Republican National Committee this past spring to travel the country as a representative and to recruit new College Republicans at campuses across the nation. Recently, JeriAnne took a position with Sam Adams Alliance as their grantwriter.

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