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Transitions

The past year has been a time of transition for Political Science at NIU. The department is looking forward to new challenges with new leadership, new staff, new students, new ideas, and a healthy mixture of experience. In 2006 **Daniel Kempton** stepped down as chair and **Christopher Jones**, formerly the assistant chair and director of undergraduate studies, was selected to take his place. **Gregory Schmidt** remains as assistant chair. **Paul Culhane**, the director of graduate studies, chose to retire, and was succeeded by **Kurt Thurmaier**, a new member of the Division of Public Administration. Political Science welcomed **Rebecca Hannagan**, **Andrea Radasanu**, and **Y.K. Wang** to the staff, while **Kurt Thurmaier** and **Kim Nelson** joined the Division of Public Administration.

Professor Daniel Kempton received special recognition at the department's spring 2006 commencement ceremony in the form of a plaque, a gift, and a standing ovation. Kempton stepped down after seven years as chair, "without a coup, or even a major revolt," he joked. He considers his greatest success the new hires made during his tenure. "The new members of our department are consistently strong teachers, active scholars, and wonderful colleagues," Kempton said. "These individuals will go a long way toward maintaining the excellence of the political science programs at NIU for decades to come."

New chair Christopher Jones captured the sentiment of everyone in the department when he stated, "Daniel Kempton has worked extremely hard as chair, endured professional and personal sacrifices for our collective good, and improved the department in real and meaningful ways." Kempton noted that he was pleased to leave the department in capable hands.

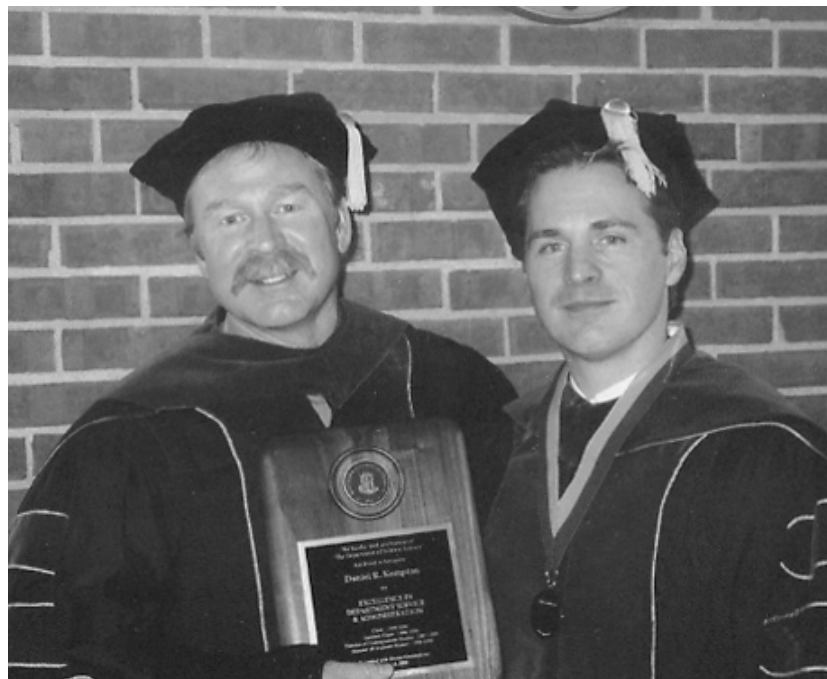
Professor Jones has promised to carry on the Kempton legacy. He has also introduced a number of new initiatives to help integrate all the new faculty into the department, to enhance recruitment, and to improve the learning experience of undergraduate and graduate students alike.



Daniel Kempton
department chair
1999-2006



Christopher Jones
department chair
2006-present



Daniel Kempton
receives a plaque from
Christopher Jones

Undergraduate Program News



This is a very exciting time for our undergraduate program. **Matthew Streb** became the new director of undergraduate studies in summer 2006. The department now serves more than 450 majors and 80 minors. We are continuing to work to provide unique and exciting opportunities for our students. In fall 2006, the department approved a new honors program that will challenge POLS students academically and also provide them with hands-on experience as research assistants or interns.

Matthew Streb, director of undergraduate studies

A major initiative is to expand the number of internship and study abroad opportunities available to our students. The department has developed a relationship with the Washington

Center that will give students the chance to work and study in Washington, D.C., for academic credit; and we have continued our relationship with the NIU at Oxford Program. Also, a new undergraduate website will be unveiled in spring 2007. Below is a list of additional highlights regarding the undergraduate program and POLS students for the previous year.

Oxford Study Abroad Program

In summer 2006, Professor **Daniel Kempton** made a second trip to Oxford for the study abroad program, deeming it "every bit as wonderful as my first experience." Students registered for three different political science courses on international relations and global terrorism. At Oxford, students had the opportunity to match experience with study. The students and Professor Kempton made field trips to the American Embassy in London and to the British Parliament, where they were given a private tour by Sir Fergus Montgomery. Professor **Artemus Ward** will be leading a group of POLS majors at Oxford in 2007.

Lincoln Laureate

Samie Chaudhry, who chaired the Political Science Student Advisory Committee in 2005-2006, has been selected as the Lincoln Laureate for 2006. He was also chosen to give the address on behalf of all the state's student Lincoln Laureates. Professor **Christopher Jones**, who nominated Chaudhry, Professor **Eric Jones** of the history department, and first finalist **Michael Celis** attended the ceremony in Springfield in October 2006. Every year, each of the state's four-year, degree-granting universities selects one senior for this prestigious award, which is presented to the students by the governor. This year, Celis was the first runner-up, and political science students **Rebecca Edwards** and **Michael Piccinelli** were also among the 10 finalists. Political science student **Douglas Reisinger** was named first finalist last year, while another political science student, **Ben Ogle**, won the award in 2004.



Christopher Jones, Samie Chaudhry, and Michael Celis

Career Night

The Political Science Student Advisory Committee and Phi Sigma Zeta held a Career Night in March. Speakers were invited to speak about careers in international politics, public law, and public administration. Anthony Benesch, a counselor in the Foreign Service, came to speak on foreign politics. Vickie Gillio, the university counsel at NIU, spoke on public law. Bill Nicklas, city manager of Sycamore, spoke on careers in public administration.

Undergraduate Conference at West Point

Samie Chaudhry and **Falon Kartch** attended the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, November 8-11, 2006. This was the first year that the department secured two invitations. The theme of this year's conference was "Challenges to Security: Extremism, Resources, and Globalization." SCUSA is a four-day conference designed for undergraduates working in the disciplines of international relations, economics, political science, and related social science fields. It is the largest and most prestigious conference of its kind in the United States.

Internships

Over the year, the department placed interns in a variety of positions in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and locally. Some students worked at the state department and other federal agencies in Washington, D.C., and at overseas embassies. Others worked on political campaigns, and several students worked in the local and national offices of Senator Barack Obama. **Rebecca Edwards**, who worked in Senator Obama's Washington, D.C., office, said she spent much of her time on the phone with constituents who wanted to meet with Senator Obama or who wanted to leave him a comment. "I was able to develop my confidence and communication skills, which I know will be invaluable to me in my future career," she said.



Graduate Program News

The department extends its appreciation to **Paul Culhane**, who served as director during 2005-2006. Culhane, who also served as director from 1989-1992, retired at the end of the academic year. He has been replaced by **Kurt Thurmaier**, who recently arrived at NIU from Iowa State University. The graduate program continues to build on its international reputation. In the fall of 2006, there were 40 M.A. students and 63 Ph.D. students enrolled.

Graduate Student Achievements

Carl Adrianopoli is senior emergency coordinator for the Department of Homeland Security–National Disaster Medical System (for six Midwest states), and was awarded for his service at WTC/9-11 and other disaster locations. Carl has represented DHS for the development of a multi-agency Heat Wave Guide and has recently given invited talks at the Mass Fatality Institute, the Michigan Safety Institute, and Case Western Reserve Law School. **Tobias Basuki**, **Philips Vermonte**, **Sunny Tanuwidjaja**, and **Jacob Ricks** presented as part of a panel on Indonesian Politics at the MPSA conference in Chicago last April. **Trenton Davis** presented a paper at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration in Athens, Georgia. **Brian Frederick** presented papers at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the Southern Political Science Association. He also coauthored a book chapter in the forthcoming edited volume *Running for Judge*. **Lauren Hall** presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. **Jason Jividen** received an Earhart Foundation Fellowship and presented papers at the Midwest, Southern, and Western Political Science Association Meetings. **Maria Ernita T. Joaquin** contributed to APSA's Volume 1 of *Profiles of Outstanding Women in Public Administration*, edited by Claire Felbringer and Wendy Haynes. **Blake Klinkner** presented a paper at the Milwaukee Political Science Conference, on Chinese policies towards the Uighur minority. **Casey LaFrance** presented papers at the Georgia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and Southeastern Conference of Public Administration, and, along with **Brian Frederick**, was invited to give a paper as part of the NIU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender resource center seminar series. **Shaun Levine** completed the Consortium of Teachers in Indonesian and Malay Summer Language Program held at Sam Ratulangi University in Manado, Indonesia. **Tom Meloni** has been invited to speak to supervisors in the Los Angeles Police Department. Tom is one of several instructors for the six-week Management College, which is offered by the Center for American and International Law, located in Plano, Texas. **Htun Soe** gave a Brown Bag lecture on Burma at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. **Sunny Tanuwidjaja** and **Jacob Ricks** presented papers at the University of Michigan Southeast Asia Center Graduate Student Conference. **Philips Vermonte** presented a paper at the First Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Graduate Student Conference in Singapore, organized by Asia Research Institute (ARI) of the National University of Singapore. **Christopher Whidden** presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago.

Recent Graduates

Teri Bengston has joined the faculty at Elmhurst College; **Gonzalo Baeza** has taken employment with American Federation of State, Municipal, and Local Employees in Washington, D.C.; **Adriana Crocker** accepted a tenure track position at the University of Illinois-Springfield; **David Dolence** has joined the faculty at Dominican University; **Kathy Frederick** has been hired to teach at Waubensee Community College starting in January 2007; **Shaun Levine** accepted a position as special editor for political and international affairs at *Jurnal Nasional*, a daily national circulation paper in Jakarta, Indonesia; **Michael Salva** joined the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security; **Andy Schott** has taken up a post at Prairie State College; **Michael Tweed** has a tenure track position at Fort Hays State University in Kansas; **Napisa Waitoolkiat** (Ph.D. 2005) is now head of the Political Science Department at Naresuan University in Thailand. She recently won a 2007 Southeast Asia Fellowship funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. **Chris Whidden** has accepted a position at Lake Forest College; **Shoua Yang** has taken a full-time position at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



Department
Barbeque



Barbara Burrell Earns Recognition



Professor **Barbara Burrell** has been chosen by her peers as president elect of the Women's Caucus of the American Political Science Association. Professor Burrell will serve for a year as president elect and then for a year as president. The election demonstrates the esteem of her colleagues earned through her extensive and effective service with the women's caucus of the APSA. She has previously been chair of the Midwest Political Science Women's Association, and was the associate director of the Public Opinion Lab, where she coordinated a

number of surveys on the status of women in the field of political science.

Professor Burrell is also well known for her research on women candidates for the U.S. Congress. As president-elect, she will endeavor to ensure that the needs and interests of women in the field of political science are heard. Her specific tasks include organizing a series of roundtables for women members in the week preceding the APSA meetings and assisting with a critical analysis of a recently completed major study of the status of women.

General Russell Howard Visits Department



In April, U.S. Brigadier General **Russell Howard**, recently retired from the U.S. Army and now director of the Jebson Center for Counter-Terrorism at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, came to NIU to give the spring 2006 public lecture. General Howard, whose visit was organized by Professor **Christopher Jones**, is the author of a textbook used in the department's course on terrorism. During his visit to NIU, he spoke to political science majors on leadership, explaining the philosophy of command he had developed while teaching at West Point. Attended by over 100 people, his lively public lecture addressed the ways that terrorism has changed in recent years, and the need

General Russell Howard (ret.)

to change our thinking to effectively counter the new version. General Howard also met with graduate students in the department.



General Howard with graduate students

Title VI Grant

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies was awarded a U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant, continuing its status as a National Resource Center. The other six National Resource Centers on Southeast Asian Studies include Cornell University, University of California-Berkeley, University of Hawaii, Ohio University, University of Washington, and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Political Science Professor **Dwight King** is the current director of the center.

Professor Ladd Thomas Festschrift

The Department of Political Science, together with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, published a festschrift in honor of Professor Emeritus **Ladd Thomas**. The festschrift contains essays from former students of Thomas, including a biographical essay and an essay assessing his contribution to scholarship. Edited by Professors **Daniel Unger** and **Clark Neher**, the book was presented to Professor Thomas at a special gathering at the Neher residence.

Departmental Commencement

The department held its commencement ceremony on May 13. Commencement was coordinated by undergraduate secretary **Karen Schweitzer** and aided by **April Davis** and **Sandi Holloway**. The department recognized a total of 126 B.A./B.S., 13 M.A., 26 M.P.A., and 8 Ph.D. graduates from the summer and fall 2005 and spring 2006 graduations, reflecting growth of more than 25 percent over the preceding year. Of the B.A./B.S. students, 39 graduated as political science scholars (minimum 3.00 GPA) and 17 as students of distinction (minimum 3.50 GPA). Thirteen students



were inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society. Two students, **Shannon Burgess** and **Douglas Reisinger**, graduated with honors.

The department also conferred several scholarships and awards. **Daniel Walters** received the Dean's Award for academic achievement and university service; **Douglas Reisinger** received the Joe R. Wilkinson Memorial Award for highest GPA; **Mark Tallman** received the Undergraduate Paper Award; and **Rebecca Edwards** received the Kevin McKeough Award for Political Participation. Four students, **Elise Gray**, **Falon Kartch**, **Julie King**, and **Jarrold Loerzel**, received the Inez H. Nelson Scholarship, which assists students who wish to study

Douglas Reisinger, Joe R. Wilkinson Memorial Award Winner

international relations. Five students, **Michael Celis**, **Rebecca Edwards**, **Falon Kartch**, **Bartosz Mroczkowski**, and **N. Vanessa Quanstrom**, received NIU's Presidential Award for outstanding public service.

Brian Frederick received the department's Gerald S. Maryanov Award for leadership and dedication to the profession; **Laman Rzayeva** was awarded the Martin David Dubin Memorial Scholarship in International Relations; and **Natalie Love** and **Mazen Nagi** received the department's Lawrence S. Finkelstein Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. **Krishna Desai**, **Jennifer Mendez**, and **Cassandra Skaggs** were recognized as NIU's Outstanding Women Students.



Dean's Award winner Daniel Walters



Maureen McKeough and Rebecca Edwards

The Department Welcomes...



Rebecca J. Hannagan (Ph.D., University of Nebraska) joined the faculty at NIU in August 2006. As an assistant professor of American politics and politics and the life sciences, she teaches courses in the areas of women and American politics, American political psychology and political behavior, and the biological underpinnings of political behavior. Her current research interests focus on the way that decisions are made in groups with different mixes of men and women, on Darwinian feminism and political behavior, and on women's

political ambition. Hannagan's addition to the department adds to the course offerings in American political behavior and women and politics.

She is also one of four professors now doing research and teaching courses in the field of politics and the life sciences, or "biopolitics." For over 20 years, NIU's political science department has been the only one in the country to offer biopolitics as a distinct field of study. Hannagan is an enthusiastic researcher and a dedicated classroom instructor. She came to NIU to collaborate with her colleagues in the fields of American politics and biopolitics as well as to share her particular expertise with undergraduate and graduate students.



Andrea Radasanu (University of Toronto) came to the department in fall 2006, where she will provide expertise in political philosophy and international relations theory. Radasanu is most interested in the ways that enlightenment thinkers came to see history as an important factor in the shaping of human nature, with a view to reassessing the roots of liberalism, so that we might better understand contemporary liberalism. She is also exploring the question of whether different contexts have opened a gap between enlightenment and contemporary

thinking, raising questions about the universality of ideas.

Radasanu was attracted to NIU because of its diverse student body, particularly the mix of students from urban and rural areas and the opportunities for intellectual interaction that affords. She also loves working with the graduate students both formally and informally. She will help NIU preserve, and enhance, its strong program in the history of political thought, and, with her interest in ethics in international relations and the morality of war, will also contribute to the developing strength in security studies.



Kurt Thurmaier (Ph.D., Syracuse University) joined the faculty this fall as a full professor in the Division of Public Administration. His current research projects include studies of interlocal agreements, city-county consolidations, and the financing of e-government transactions. All of these relate to his broader interests in public budgeting and finance, e-government, comparative public administration, and intergovernmental relations. Thurmaier previously served on the faculty of Iowa State University, including as M.P.A. director, and on the public administration faculty at the University of Kansas.

He brings a passion for the study of local and state government budgeting and financial management, and his presence on the NIU faculty helps ensure the M.P.A. program's national ranking in urban management and budgeting and financial management. Thurmaier is also keen to develop a relationship with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies to continue his comparative public administration research interests.



Y.K. Wang (Ph.D., University of Chicago) arrived at NIU in the fall of 2006 after spending one year at the Brookings Institution as a visiting fellow. He had earlier taught at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, for three years. He is researching Chinese security policy, seeking to understand how a grand strategy is designed and how challenges to the grand strategy are managed. He is also interested in U.S.-China relations, and the effect that a new Democrat-controlled Congress will have on the relationship.

Wang was attracted to NIU because of the quality of its scholarship, particularly on Southeast Asia. For China and China scholars, Southeast Asia is becoming increasingly important, and he is excited to work with Southeast Asianists to develop broader perspectives on the region. He also enjoys being close to Chicago, yet in a small-town, congenial atmosphere. Wang will be primarily responsible for continuing the department's long-standing commitment to teaching and research on East Asia, bringing to the position an international perspective. He will also make a strong contribution to the new concentration in security studies.

Alumni News

Andi Mallarangeng, who earned his Ph.D. in the Department of Political Science at NIU in 1997, is the spokesperson for President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. After graduating from NIU, he taught at Hasanuddin University in Ujung Pandang, South Sulawesi. An expert in electoral politics, he was later invited to join a committee to draft new election laws for Indonesia, then moved on to play a role in the drafting of the law on regional autonomy. *Asiaweek* once noted that Mallarangeng has been "a leading architect of Indonesian democracy." He decided to enter politics in 2002, and co-founded the Democratic Nationhood party. After the election, he left the party to join the team of Indonesian President Yudhoyono, and was subsequently named to his current position.

Alumni Profile



During her doctoral studies, **Marlene Sokolon** (Ph.D. 2003) took advantage of the diversity of faculty specializations at NIU in political theory, comparative politics, and biopolitics. Her dissertation, *Political Emotions: The Symphony of Reason and Emotion* (2006), recently was published by NIU Press. Combining her interests in biopolitics and ancient political thought, this research explored the importance of emotions in Aristotle's political theory and the relevance of Aristotle for contemporary emotion research.

After graduation, Sokolon taught a variety of courses – from American national government and comparative politics, to ancient, modern, and American political thought – at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. In 2005, she returned to Canada as the specialist in ancient political thought at Concordia University in Montreal. Currently she is working on the political significance of ancient Greek tragedy and continues to investigate the ethics and politics of biotechnology.

The best advice Sokolon got at NIU was to explore all avenues of politics. "Taking a wide range of courses prepared me for the competitive academic job market," she stressed. She would also advise students to study topics that really interest them: "There are academic jobs in all fields of political research; your enthusiasm for your research is far more important than limiting yourself to what is currently trendy."

Student Profile



Samie Chaudhry, NIU's Lincoln Laureate, is a senior who will graduate in May 2007. As a Lincoln Laureate, Chaudhry is being recognized not only for his academic ability, but also for his extensive extracurricular activities. He received the further honor of being chosen to speak at the awards presentation, representing all of the student laureates.

Chaudhry is a member of the Political Science Student Advisory Committee and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Committee, and he was elected as the under-

graduate representative on the search committee for the new dean of the college. He is a member of the Southeast Asia Student Club, the Forensics Club, and the NIU Student Education Association, and was part of the internship program in Washington, D.C., in 2006. He has also been a tutor at an Aurora high school. Chaudhry is fluent in Urdu and Punjabi, as well as English, and is particularly interested in South Asia. He is currently writing an honors thesis analyzing the impact of American domestic politics on weapons sales to Pakistan.

After graduation, he plans to go to graduate school, majoring in political science with an emphasis on South Asia. "I've been incredibly fortunate the department has dedicated faculty members devoted to undergraduate teaching," said Chaudhry. "They are a valuable resource for students seeking career guidance or academic assistance. I found there was always a door open on the fourth floor of Zulauf whenever I had a question."

Faculty Highlights

Larry Arnhart presented a paper at the American Political Science Association conference. **Barbara Burrell** presented papers at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (with graduate student **Brian Frederick**), at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, and at the 2006 National Symposium on Women and Politics. She contributed a chapter to *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics*, edited by Susan J. Carroll and Richard L. Fox (Cambridge University Press). **Vicki Clarke**, M.P.A. coordinator, supervised 56 internships in the M.P.A. program during 2005-2006, with 51 interns placed in the fall of 2006; she also serves as the internship coordinator for the department and supervised 23 undergraduate internships in 2005-2006; she presented a workshop on Effective Public Speaking for graduate students at NIU; she also attended the International City/Council Management Association annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, and the Illinois City/County Management Association summer conference. **Gerald T. Gabris**, Presidential Teaching Professor and director of the Division of Public Administration, presented papers at the National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration in Denver, Colorado, at the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration in Athens, Georgia (both with **Trenton Davis**), and at the 2006 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago (with **Gregory Kuhn**). He gave invited speeches to the annual conference of the Missouri Municipal League in St. Louis, Missouri, and to alumni of the NIU M.P.A. program at the International City Management Association Conference in San Antonio. He also attended the annual conference of the National Association of Schools for Public Affairs and Administration, representing the NIU M.P.A. program. **Gary D. Glenn** contributed entries to *Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, edited by Joseph Varacalli, Stephen Krason, and Richard Meyers (Scarecrow Press), and to *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Bruce Frohnen, Jeffrey Nelson, and Jeremy Beer (ISI Books), and an article to *The Catholic Social Science Review*. He was an invited speaker at Seton Hall University and presented a paper at the American Political Science Association conference. **Rebecca Hannagan** presented a paper at the American Political Science Association conference. **Christopher M. Jones** began a five-year term as department chair, effective July 2006. He published a refereed article in *American Diplomacy* examining organizational change within the U.S. Department of State and an invited chapter on the military implications of NATO enlargement in *Old Europe, New Security* (Ashgate, 2006). He was also inducted into the National Honor Society for International Scholars. **Dwight King** served as acting director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and then became regular director beginning July 2006. He conducted an evaluation of a USAID funded program in Indonesia, and he attended the conference commemorating the

first anniversary of the Aceh Peace Accords. The conference included a field trip to Banda Aceh to observe the damage and recovery underway from the tsunami that devastated the area in December 2004. **Jim Ockey** published an article in *Party Politics*. He was an invited speaker at Ohio University, at the University of Michigan, and at a conference organized by Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He also gave a brown bag talk for the NIU Southeast Asia program. **Michael Peddle** was on sabbatical during spring 2006 writing a book about negotiation and bargaining in economic development. During the spring he also spoke at the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts regarding the use of non-resident fees and charges, completed demographic studies for several school districts, and served as a consultant in evaluating the qualifications of a tax increment financing district in Central Illinois. **Andrea Radasanu** gave a paper on Edmund Burke's brand of conservatism at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association, and gave an invited talk at a conference on the Legacy of Montesquieu, which brought together many distinguished Montesquieu scholars from around the world (Toronto, fall 2005). **Bruce Rocheleau** published an article in *The Electronic Journal of E-Government* and presented a paper and headed a panel concerning e-government at the 2006 Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration. In January 2006, **Gregory D. Schmidt** became assistant chair of the department. During the course of the year, he participated in conferences in Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Brazil, and Nicaragua. He also conducted field research in Peru, and published a book chapter with Penn State Press and an article in *Elecciones*. **Matthew Streb** co-edited and contributed to the book *Academic Freedom at the Dawn of a New Century* (Stanford University Press) and co-authored an article in *Public Opinion Quarterly*. He gave invited talks at Indiana University, University of Notre Dame, and Loyola Marymount University, and served as section head for Public Opinion for the 2006 Midwest Political Science Conference. **Brendon Swedlow** presented papers comparing U.S. and European approaches to the regulation of environmental, health, and safety risks at the Midwest Political Science Association and Law and Society Association meetings and received a NIU summer grant to support his continued research on this topic. **Daniel Unger** appeared on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." **Yuan-Kang Wang** presented a paper at the American Political Science Association conference. **Artemus Ward** published the book *Sorcerers' Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court*, which was widely and favorably reviewed. He made media appearances for NBC Nightly News, the Associated Press, and NPR Affiliate WILL-AM Radio.

Retirement



Professor **Paul J. Culhane** retired in July 2006 after 30 years of university teaching and research, the last 19 years at NIU (1986-2006). In most of his years here, Culhane was the convener of the public policy field formed in the year he came to NIU from Northwestern. He also served as director of graduate studies in 1989-92 and 2005-06, chaired the department's research tools committee, and convened the inter-college environmental management systems minor committee. Culhane taught mostly in the M.P.A. program (introductory statistics, research design, and organization theory), but occasionally taught both undergraduate and graduate public policy and environmental policy courses for the department. He was a very effective teacher, earning M.P.A. Teacher of the Year honors in 1999 and in 2006.

Professor Culhane is "academically insightful and personally warm and encouraging," said Yasuo Ikari. "What I owe him as his student is one hundred times bigger than Lake Michigan." Shoua Yang agreed: "He was one of my finest graduate teachers. His advice enhanced my intellectual ability and thus had enormous impacts on my intellectual life," Yang explained. "So his intellectual contribution to my life has become a part of my family tradition."

Culhane's research interests included environmental policy, with his major books published on *Public Lands Politics* (1981) and *Forecasts and Environmental Decision-making* (1987). And he continues to conduct research on modeling interest group influence. Actually, he has only semi-retired. The university hired Culhane back in September to teach one course per semester for the next two or three years; he continues to supervise doctoral students' dissertations and M.P.A. capstone papers; and he will continue to serve on the boards of advocacy groups, notably the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

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