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# Welcome!

**Wenfang Tang**  
*Department Chair*



Greetings to all of you on behalf of the political science faculty, staff, and students! We are well on our way to an exciting academic year in 2017-18.

The past year was very productive for the department. Several of our faculty members received prestigious research grants and published in top academic journals. Several of our graduate students earned tenure-track positions at research universities. In addition, our number of undergraduate majors increased at least 10% from last year.

Academic year 2016-2017 brought some new initiatives from the department for our undergraduates. We added more alumni to our career workshops, providing students an opportunity to see the career paths of their

fellow political science and international relations Hawkeyes. The department also started a mentoring network in which current undergraduates have the opportunity to receive career advice and guidance from alumni. (If you are interested in becoming an alumni mentor, please let the department know.)

The Department of Political Science's graduate program has a long record of success. According to the most recent (2015-16) Big Ten Political Science Survey, our department ranked #1 in graduate placement. Our graduate students play a critical role in our teaching mission, holding sections for our introductory courses totaling over 1000 students and teaching their own courses on topics like Religion and Politics, Chinese Politics, and Survey Research.

Finally, the department is fortunate to have an active group of alumni. The department's Alumni Advisory Board meets twice a year, making suggestions for the operation of the department, providing career advice for our undergraduate students, selecting the best undergraduate paper awards, and most importantly, giving generous donations to the department. The financial support by our alumni allows us to set up more than a dozen scholarships and fund a variety of student activities.

It is an exciting year ahead to be sure – and none of it would be possible without your support.

Warm thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wenfang Tang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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# *The Benefits of Collaborative Effort*



The Department of Political Science believes that tackling important questions requires collaborative effort. The field of political science is a diverse discipline that benefits greatly from shared expertise. Every aspect of our program demonstrates this principle.

Iowa faculty have a long tradition of research collaboration with both students and colleagues. Collaboration between professor and student often begins when a faculty member hires a research assistant through grant funding. Then, in the course of this work, a student's contributions may expand into a co-authorship. In many other cases, collaboration arises informally, based on discussions between a faculty member and a student during a seminar or simply in the hallway. From their first semester here, students receive training in research skills and are welcomed to attend the department's formal and informal research presentations.

The analyses that result from faculty-student projects are presented as conference papers and then regularly turned into publications. A quarter century ago, then-graduate student Ross Burkhart began working with Professor Michael Lewis-Beck on how they could test whether economic development leads countries to democratize. Their 1994 article in the *American Political Science Review* became the 8th-most downloaded

APSR article of the decade and continues to be widely known and cited. This kind of productive joint research continues. Just over the past year, articles co-written by Iowa faculty and graduate students have appeared in such top-ranked journals as the *Journal of Politics*, *International Interactions*, and *Political Analysis*.

Faculty also frequently collaborate with colleagues, participate in interdepartmental initiatives, and are members of various national and international groups. A particularly strong relationship exists between political science and the nonpartisan Iowa Public Policy Center (PPC). The PPC is an interdisciplinary research center that provides policymakers and the public information on a wide range of issues, including the environment, health, politics, education, and transportation. Professor Tracy Osborn heads the Politics and Policy Research Program, which focuses on research about the creation of public policy. Professor Frederick Boehmke heads the Iowa Social Science Research Center, which provides grant development support;

data collection, management, and access services; and statistical consulting and workshops to the university community. Other professors involved in PPC research include Sara Mitchell, Julianna Pacheco, Rene Rocha, and Caroline Tolbert.

Professors also participate in cluster research, in which scholars from different departments work together on shared interests. Sara Mitchell and Elise Pizzi are members of the Water Sustainability Initiative at the University. This cluster addresses issues of clean water access in Iowa and the greater world. Bryce Dietrich is a member of the Iowa Informatics Initiative, which provides coordination of informatics activities across campus. One of his new projects involves the creation of a database of campus mobilization and protest events in collaboration with Cassie Barnhardt from the College of Education and political science graduate student Jieliu Yao.

The following pages feature some of our faculty's collaborative projects and research.

■ Article compiled by  
Solomon Fenton-Miller

# Faculty Projects and Research



**ELIZABETH MENNINGA, Assistant Professor  
Folke Bernadotte Academy**

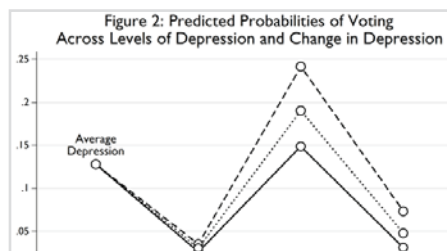
Elizabeth Menninga attended a workshop in June hosted by the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm, Sweden. The workshop's theme was mediation in international and civil conflicts, bringing scholars of mediation together with mediators working in various conflicts across the globe. Elizabeth shared her research with practitioners, focusing on the practical implications of her findings. The workshop's goal was to encourage greater dialogue between academics and practitioners and was a new and exciting way to see the importance of research on conflict resolution.

Whether it be in a classroom, at a conference, or across the globe, political science faculty are actively involved in efforts to discover and share. Here is an assortment of featured projects they've been working on.



**ELISE PIZZI, Assistant Professor  
Developing Rural Cooperatives in China**

Elise Pizzi spent several weeks this summer in rural China conducting preliminary research on the development of rural cooperatives. In an effort to alleviate rural poverty, the Chinese government is setting up and supporting cooperatives for agricultural production and handicrafts in rural villages. As part of an international research team led by Professor Ren Xiaodong of Guizhou Normal University, Pizzi had the chance to visit several new and established rural cooperatives, talk with local leaders, and discuss the hopes and challenges of villagers. She will continue to visit China and engage this research project over the next few years.



**JULIANNA PACHECO, Associate Professor  
Health and Voting in Young Adulthood**

Do changes in health lead to changes in the probability of voting? Julianna Pacheco's forthcoming article in collaboration with Christopher Ojeda (University of Tennessee) will be published in the *British Journal of Political Science*: "Health and Voting in Young Adulthood." Using two longitudinal datasets, they look at the impact of three measures of health—physical health, mental health, and overall well-being—on voting trajectories in young adulthood. The results show that self-rated health is associated with a lower probability of voting in one's first election, depression is related to a decline in turnout over time, and physical limitations are unrelated to voting. They also find that some familial resources from childhood condition when the health-participation effect manifests.



**BRYCE DIETRICH, Assistant Professor  
First Annual Social Science "Foo" Camp at  
Facebook Headquarters**

Bryce Dietrich will be participating in the first Social Science Foo Camp at Facebook's campus in February, 2018. Foo stands for "Friends of O'Reilly" and is an invitation-only event founded by publisher Tim O'Reilly to encourage collaboration between innovators from different fields. Two hundred and fifty thinkers and practitioners in social and behavioral sciences and big data will meet to demonstrate and discuss their groundbreaking work. The conference has no predefined agenda. Instead, attendees create one during the first evening and adjust freely.



**SARA MITCHELL, F. Wendell Miller Professor**  
*Examination of the Role of International Courts in the South China Seas*

Sara Mitchell and Andrew Owsiak (University of Georgia) examine the role of international courts in world politics. Their project focuses on legalization and judicialization of maritime issues through the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). UNCLOS helped to clarify legal rules and principles for maritime claims, reducing militarized conflict and increasing peaceful efforts to resolve conflicts such as those ongoing in the South China Seas. UNCLOS members can also select their preferred court(s) through an optional declaration including the ICJ, ITLOS, or arbitration (e.g. PCA). Mitchell and Owsiak's research shows that these declarations increase the chances for peaceful negotiations of maritime disputes and reduce the need for courts to become involved. By looking at how countries negotiate in the shadow of international courts, they gain a richer understanding of the pacifying effect of international law.



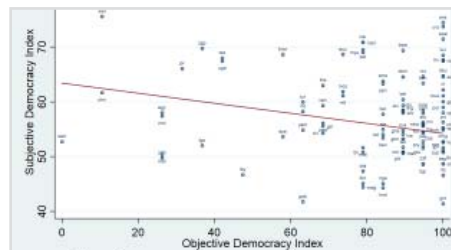
**TRACY OSBORN, Associate Professor**  
*Presentation at the European Conference on Politics and Gender*

In June 2017, Tracy Osborn traveled to Lausanne, Switzerland for the European Conference on Politics and Gender to present research coauthored with Rebecca Kreitzer (2015 Iowa Ph.D.) on groups that recruit women candidates for office. The annual conference brings together scholars of women and politics from all over the world. The panel featured work on Africa, Britain, and the U.S.



**CARY COVINGTON, Associate Professor**  
*Institute of Civic Engagement*

Cary Covington directs the Institute of Civic Engagement, jointly supported by the University of Iowa and the Hoover Presidential Foundation. Professor Covington suggests that Americans have retreated into ideological camps, polarizing politics and promoting mistrust. The Institute for Civic Engagement believes those trends can be reversed if people work together toward a common cause. Over the past five years, the Institute has helped 100 teachers learn how to involve their students in the lives of their communities. The Institute gives teachers academic training in principles of civic engagement as well as practical advice from experienced teachers. They return to their schools informed, confident, and enthusiastic about promoting civic engagement and improving civic life in Iowa.



**WENFANG TANG, Professor**  
**YOONEUI KIM, Graduate Student**  
*Subjective vs. Objective Democracy Indices*

Wenfang Tang is working on a project with political science Ph.D. student Yooneui Kim on whether citizens in democratic societies perceive more democracy than citizens in authoritarian societies. Preliminary findings consistently show that citizens in democratic societies feel that there is less democracy than those in authoritarian countries. Regardless of the reasons for such a gap, the lack of perceived democracy casts a serious challenge to democratic governance, causing citizens political unhappiness, inefficiency in decision making, and political disruption.



**FRED BOEHMKE, Professor**  
*Iowa Digital Bridges*

Fred Boehmke worked with a group of scholars from The University of Iowa and Grinnell College as part of a Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry grant. The Text Analysis Group discussed tools and approaches for incorporating text-as-data into upcoming undergraduate classes and included faculty from Classics, Religious Studies, English, and Statistics from the two schools. Boehmke enjoyed the group's discussion of Nabokov's *Favorite Color is Mauve* by Ben Blatt. He is currently co-teaching the course developed through the grant, "Big Ideas: Introduction to Information, Society, and Culture," with Paul Dilley from the University of Iowa. You can read more about the group at [www.iowadigitalbridges.com](http://www.iowadigitalbridges.com).



**TIMOTHY HAGLE, Associate Professor**  
*Examining Agenda Setting on the Vinson Court*

Timothy Hagle is currently working on a series of papers examining factors that may be related to agenda setting on the Vinson Court (the period between 1946-1953 when Fred Vinson served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court). The data for the project comes from a database project that students in his Judicial Research course have worked on for several years. The project teaches students how to do basic legal research and gives them a deeper understanding of how courts operate. These papers on the Vinson Court will be followed by examinations of the Warren and Burger Courts.

# Undergraduate News

## Department Scholarship Winners 2016-2018

### David Atkinson Scholar

Erin Mitchell (2016-17)

### Vernon & Georgia Bender Scholars

Kyle Apple (2017-18)

Daniel Granados (2016-17)

### Joseph Domke Memorial Scholars

Marcus Miller (2017-18)

Marcus Smith (2017-18)

Christopher Blythe (2016-17)

### Molly C. and Joseph R. Gaylord Scholars

Barrett Bierschenk (2017-18)

Ben Hyland (2017-18)

Scott Hastings (2016-17)

### Roger J. and Anne Hargrave Scholars

Justin Dodd (2017-18)

Mackenzie Intlekofer (2017-18)

Andrey Sazonov (2016-17)

Lucy Korsakov (2016-17)

### Donald B. Johnson Fellows

Gustave Stewart (2017-18)

Jiangqi Guo (2016-17)

### Donald B. Johnson Scholars

Nathan Micatka (2017-18)

Rachel Zuckerman (2016-17)

### Darrell L. Netherton

#### Research Scholars

Riley Lewers (2017-18)

Jennifer Chavez-Rivera (2016-17)

### Teri G. Rasmussen Scholars

Scott Hastings (2017-18)

Cormac Broeg (2016-17)

### Third House Scholars

Alenah Luthens (2017-18)

Erin Tabor (2017-18)

Brody Armstrong (2016-17)

Greg Windeknecht (2016-17)

## Samantha Korns

Alumna Receives Fulbright



Samantha Korns (B.A. 2016) received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award for an English teaching assistantship in Russia.

## Annual Paper Awards



(L - R) Madison Creery, Sam Schutt, Alumni Advisory Board President Joseph Gaylord, Jennifer Chavez-Rivera

2017

### Madison Creery

2017 Winner

*The Annexation of Crimea: What's Yours is Mine . . .*

### Jennifer Chavez-Rivera

2nd place

*The Effects of Immigration Policy Enforcement on Public Attitudes Regarding Immigration Policy*

### Sam Schutt

3rd place

*Comparative View of the Economic Transition in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe*

### Mary Elizabeth Snell

4th place

*Poland and Belarus: Economic Policy During Transition and the Outcomes*



(L - R) Jiangqi Guo, Megan Goodson, Greg Windeknecht, Hannah Petersen

2016

### Hannah Petersen

2016 Winner

*Alternatives to Hungary's Response to the Ongoing Migrant Crisis*

### Greg Windeknecht

2nd place

*From Euromaidan to the Donbass: Putin's Misguided Adventure into the Ukraine*

### Megan Goodson

3rd place

*Life Under Totalitarianism: Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

### Jiangqi Guo

4th place

*Smothered Hope: North Korean People's Lives Under the Kims*

# Graduate News

## Recently Awarded

### Christine Bricker

2018 Ballard and Seashore  
Dissertation Fellowship

### Ruoxi Du

2018 Ballard and Seashore  
Dissertation Fellowship

### Yue Hu

2018 Ballard and Seashore  
Dissertation Fellowship

### Brian Janssen

2017 Graduate College Post-  
Comprehensive Research Award

### Shuai Jin

2017 Outstanding Teaching Assistant  
Award (UI Council on Teaching)

### Scott Lacombe

2017 Outstanding Teaching Assistant  
Award (UI Council on Teaching)

### Samantha Lange

2017 David and Rosalie  
Braverman Scholarship

### Ray Ou Yang

2017 Ballard and Seashore  
Dissertation Fellowship

### Rachel Torres

2017 Underrepresented Minority  
Pre-Comprehensive Mentored  
Summer Research Fellowship  
and the 2017-18 American Political  
Science Association Minority Fellow

### Josh Tschantret

2016-17 Best Conference Paper  
Award for *Cleansing the Caliphate:  
Insurgent Violence against Sexual  
Minorities*

### Desmond Wallace

2017 Dean's Graduate Fellowship

### Jielu Yao

2016-17 Best Course Paper Award  
for *Are Women More Effective  
Lawmakers When They Constitute a  
Critical Mass? A Bayesian Analysis of  
Legislative Effectiveness, 1973-2008*

## Introducing 2017 First-Year Grads



PICTURED (L - R): Byung-Deuk Woo, Yufan Yang, Megan Patsch, Cassandra Tai, Addison Huygens, Joseph Coll, Ahmad Qabazard, Martín Muñoz

### Joseph Coll

American Politics, B.A. in Political Science and  
Public Administration, Buena Vista University

### Addison Huygens

International Relations, B.A. in History and  
Political Science, M.A. in Political Science,  
Iowa State University

### Martín Muñoz

Comparative Politics and International  
Relations, B.A. in Political Science and  
International Studies, University of South  
Dakota

### Megan Patsch

Comparative and International Relations  
B.A. in Political Science, Marietta College,  
M.A. in International and Comparative  
Politics, Wright State University

### Ahmad Qabazard

Comparative Politics, B.A. in Political  
Science and Philosophy, Loyola Marymount  
University, M.A. in Politics, New York  
University

### Cassandra Tai

Comparative Politics, B.A. in Diplomacy,  
Renmin University of China in Beijing, M.A.  
in International Political Economy, Nanyang  
Technological University in Singapore

### Byung-Deuk Woo

International Relations, B.A. in Political  
Science, Hankuk University of Foreign  
Studies in Seoul, South Korea

### Yufan Yang

Comparative Politics, B.A. in Financial  
Management, Fudan University in Shanghai,  
M.S. International Development, King's  
College London

## Ph.D. Placements

### Kellen Gracey, Ph.D. '17

**Dissertation:** *Religion in the American  
States: Competition, Context, and Political  
Consequences*

**Placement:** DeSales University, PA

### Shuai Jin, Ph.D. '17

**Dissertation:** *Politics of Economic Inequality  
in China: Government Propaganda and Public  
Opinion*

**Placement:** University of Massachusetts,  
Boston

### Elizabeth Maltby, Ph.D. '17

**Dissertation:** *The Political Origins of Racial  
and Ethnic Inequality*

**Placement:** University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas

### Abigail Matthews, Ph.D. '17

**Dissertation:** *The Diffusion of Precedent  
Across the American States*

**Placement:** Miami University, OH

### Yang Zhang, Ph.D. '16

**Dissertation:** *Taming Factions in the Chinese  
Communist Party*

**Placement:** Southwest Jiaotong  
University, China

# Faculty & Staff News

## Appointments & Awards



**SARA MITCHELL**  
Professor  
F. Wendell Miller Professor  
College of Liberal Arts



**VICKI HESLI CLAYPOOL**  
Professor Emeritus  
Marion L. Huit Award  
Honors Program



**FRED BOEHMKE**  
Professor



**TRACY OSBORN**  
Associate  
Professor



**EMILY SCHILLING**  
Ph.D. Alumna

State Policy and Politics Best Journal  
Article Award

PAPER TITLE: *Partisan Gridlock and the  
Use of Initiatives in U.S. States*



**JULIANNA PACHECO**  
Associate Professor  
Scholar in Residence  
Public Policy Center  
(2016-17)



**MARTHA KIRBY**  
Senior Academic Advisor  
Scholar Advocate Award  
Honors Program



**WENFANG TANG**  
Professor  
Executive Committee  
for Comparative Public  
Opinion, International  
Political Science  
Association



**RON McMULLEN**  
Ambassador in Residence  
Collegiate Teaching Award  
College of Liberal Arts

## Articles & Books

**Elizabeth Menninga** and Skyler Cranmer. 2017. "Coalition Quality and Multinational Dispute Outcomes." *International Interactions*.

**Vicki Claypool, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Brian Janssen, and Dongkyu Kim.** 2017. "Determinants of Salary Dispersion among Political Science Faculty." *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

**Elise Pizzi.** 2017. "Does Labor Migration Improve Access to Public Goods in Source Communities? Evidence from Rural China." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

**Frederick Solt, Yue Hu, Kevan Hudson, Jungmin Song, and Dong Yu.** 2017. "Economic Inequality and Class Consciousness." *Journal of Politics*.

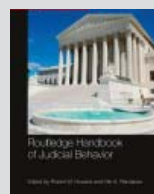
**Wenfang Tang, Yue Hu, and Shuai Jin.** 2016. "Affirmative Inaction: Education, Language Proficiency, and Socioeconomic Attainment among China's Uyghur Minority." *Chinese Sociological Review*.



*The Regional Roots of Russia's Political Regime*  
**William M. Reisinger** and Bryon J. Moraski  
University of Michigan Press  
2017



*Iowa Votes: Registration and Voting Demographics 1982 to 2016*  
**Timothy Hagle**  
CreateSpace Digital Publishing  
2017



*Handbook of Judicial Behavior*  
Robert M. Howard and Kirk A. Randazzo (eds.)  
Chapter 25, "The International Court of Justice"  
**Sara McLaughlin Mitchell** and Andrew P. Owsiak  
Routledge Press  
2018



# Reflections: Looking Back at 1984

The Department of Political Science sent out its first annual newsletter 33 years ago (the predecessor to the Poligram). Current faculty who were active in 1984 include Professors John Nelson and Cary Covington and Professors Emeriti Gerhard Loewenberg, Michael Lewis-Beck, and G.R. Boynton. Here, Loewenberg and Boynton reflect on their experiences from that time.

## Gerhard Loewenberg

*Professor Emeritus*

Each faculty member had a computer terminal, very innovative for that time. Political science was one of the College's most popular majors, so most faculty were engaged in teaching both heavily enrolled courses and smaller graduate seminars. When they obtained their Ph.D. degrees, graduate students found positions in colleges and universities throughout this country and abroad, spreading the department's reputation. Despite its small faculty, the department was very visible to James O. Freedman, the new president who had taken office in 1982. Its standing in the University gave it considerable institutional support, although budget cuts then, as now, precluded adding to the size of the faculty.

## G.R. Boynton

*Professor Emeritus*

The post World War II history of computing is mainframe, remote access to the mainframe, networking of mainframes, and time sharing. Local area networks became the dominant mode of organization in the second half of the 1980s after desktop computers became widely available. The desktops of the day were toys by comparison with those currently available but you had your own computer. At each step the department was using the computers of the day in teaching and research. It did set us apart from other departments in the country that adapted more slowly than we did. This story is about cobbling together a local area network with desktops and network connections through the University time sharing computers before local area networks were available. We got there first which is a nice place to be.



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### Department at Forefront Of Computer Revolution

Information is what universities are about. "Information machine" is one way of characterizing a computer. Wedding the task and the technology is inevitable as the cost of computing continues to drop. The Department of Political Science has taken one small step in applying the technology of information processing to our tasks as information producers and disseminators. For over two years now, all faculty and staff members have had microcomputers on their desks.

What does this enable us to do? The microcomputers are word-processors, replacing typewriters, saving secretarial time, and greatly easing the task of rewriting and editing reading lists, syllabi, letters, and manuscripts. The machines, economical personal computers especially programmed for our needs, enable faculty members to exchange texts which they are writing jointly, to send each other electronic messages, and to communicate instantly with their colleagues at other universities. The microcomputers can be used directly for research, since they can serve as terminals linked to the large University of Iowa computers. Data and programs

available on those computers can be moved to a faculty member's microcomputer at will and then saved for future use on the storage facilities of the university's Computer Center.

In the departmental office and in the Laboratory for Political Research, printers hum most of the day, producing the copy which faculty and staff compose on their microcomputers. And at most hours of the day, faculty members in their offices can be seen facing their green, phosphorescent screens. The work they do is essentially unchanged, but the method of doing it is vastly



Professor G.R. Boynton, designer of the departmental computer system, conferring with a member of the office staff.

improved and the department's computer system has attracted the attention of political science departments throughout the country.



Political science students working on microcomputers in Schaeffer Hall's Mini-Computer Terminal Center.

*The desktops of the day were toys by comparison with those currently available... but you had your own computer.*

*— Prof. Emeritus G.R. Boynton*

# Donations Make an Impact

The Department of Political Science receives support from alumni and friends, which provides our students with access to opportunities they otherwise might not get. These donations promote our students' professional development through experiential learning and support the department's aim in achieving academic excellence in our undergraduate and graduate programs.

## Richard J. Tyner

*International Relations Scholarship*

As the department's newest scholarship donor, Richard Tyner has gifted a scholarship designated to support undergraduate students majoring in international relations or whose focus is on international studies. The scholarship's first recipient will be awarded at the annual award ceremony for the 2018-2019 academic year.

|| *My goal with the new International Relations Scholarship is to encourage and support students who want to study international relations and then go on to have an international career. – R. J. Tyner* ||



## Darrell L. Netherton

*Political Science Research Scholarship*

The scholarship support from Darrell Netherton provides support to qualifying students studying political science who are interested in pursuing a research project under the supervision of tenured and tenure-track faculty in the department.

PICTURED ABOVE: Darrell Netherton (right) with 2017 scholarship recipient, Riley Lewers (left).

|| *Democracy thrives when citizens pay attention and participate. My hope with the scholarship is to motivate students to find ways to encourage political activism and/or civic engagement in communities where such participation has been lacking. Their leadership in this regard could be critical in the years ahead. – Darrell Netherton* ||



## Molly C. & Joseph R. Gaylord

*Political Science Scholarship*

As the Alumni Advisory Board sitting president, Joseph Gaylord and wife Molly are proud Hawkeyes and wanted to provide support to undergraduate students who have graduated from an Iowa high school and are invested in their involvement with on-campus activities.

PICTURED ABOVE: Molly Gaylord (left) and Joseph Gaylord (right) with 2017 scholarship recipient Barrett Bierschenk (center).

|| *Molly and I are pleased to make this scholarship available not only to provide assistance to Iowa PoliSci majors and their families, but also because we believe it is very important for students to understand how politics in general can and will affect the rest of their lives. – Joe Gaylord* ||

## Carolyn & David Brady

*Discretionary Fund for Political Science*

Dr. David Brady and Mrs. Carolyn Brady have pledged support to establish a discretionary fund for the Department of Political Science. The funds are to be used as general support for the greatest needs of the department, which in turn will help to generate innovation in achieving the department's future goals.

|| *Carolyn and I are grateful for the chance that the political science department at the University of Iowa took on me and this is in some small way a repayment of that debt. – David Brady* ||

# Alumni News

## Elizabeth Summy

*New Advisory Board Member*



Elizabeth Summy joined the Alumni Advisory Board in spring 2017. Her career has spanned government, healthcare administration, and non-profit leadership. She has combined her passion for healthcare and non-profit management through senior roles for Human Resources Management Association of Chicago (HRMAC) and two of the nation's most notable healthcare associations: the American Hospital Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

After graduating from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in political science, Ms. Summy was active in legislative and presidential campaigns, worked as a legislative assistant for health, human services, and housing in Washington, D.C. and as the Education and Policy Coordinator for Mercy Health System in Des Moines.

Ms. Summy's professional areas of expertise include non-profit leadership, healthcare policy and administration, strategic planning and governance, project management and performance improvement, budgeting and financial management, member relations, marketing and communications, new market development, talent development, and research.

In addition to earning a master's in health administration, Ms. Summy is a Certified Association Executive and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, both of which are exam-based credentials.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



### Michael Davis

Michael Davis was awarded the Iowa Law Alumni Award and joined the Department of Political Science Alumni Advisory Board this year. He is currently Chief Counsel for Nominations for the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley is chairman of the committee.



### Marc Krickbaum

Marc Krickbaum has been confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. Krickbaum served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Iowa. After graduating from Iowa, he earned a law degree at Harvard.



### Matthew G. Whitaker

Alumni Advisory Board Member Matthew G. Whitaker is the new chief of staff for the U.S. Attorney General. In 2016, Whitaker founded and became executive director of the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT), a conservative watchdog group.



**Board members at the spring 2017 annual meeting** (Front Row, L - R) Joe Goldberg, Liz Summy, Joe Gaylord, Joseph Rubenstein, Katie Diebert, Richard Tyner (Back Row, L - R) Tom Dutton, Greg Bielawski, John Baker, Darrell Netherton, Wenfang Tang, Matt Whitaker

## Alumni Advisory Board Involvement

The Alumni Advisory Board provides valuable contributions to the department. Primary tasks involve selecting the undergraduate paper award winners, advising the department on undergraduate programs/internships, and assisting with fundraising for internship programs. The annual spring meeting held on campus includes attendance at our scholarship award ceremony and a speed networking session that is very popular with students. We also have opportunities for board members to teach one-week classes or be featured panelists at our career workshops. Our fall meeting initiates the year with a teleconference. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Advisory Board, we encourage you to contact Wenfang Tang at (319) 335-2546 or [wenfang-tang@uiowa.edu](mailto:wenfang-tang@uiowa.edu).

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The department has been empowered by the generous donations from our alumni and friends. We are proud that philanthropy is a growing part of our departmental culture. We are pleased with your generosity and grateful if you can join the ongoing effort at providing financial support to undergraduate and graduate studies and faculty research in the department.

For more information on giving options to the Department of Political Science, please contact Adam Blind, Associate Director of Development, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at [adam.blind@foriowa.org](mailto:adam.blind@foriowa.org).

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