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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to this year's Poligram. Our focus is on making connections. Connections are an important part of being a student, faculty, staff, and alumnus of the University of Iowa Department of Political Science. Students form lifelong connections with each other that last well beyond their time at Iowa. They also make connections with faculty, staff, and alumni who support their academic and personal development. The department has been working to foster more connections between students, alumni, and faculty including holding alumni events across the US, running a peer mentor program, creating research opportunities for students with faculty members, having alumni teach classes to current students, and launching an online system for students and alumni to connect and engage each other about careers. Connections are a vital part of the university experience. Please reach out if you would like to learn how you can be connected to the department and current students.

*Brian Lai*

**Brian Lai**  
Department Chair

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

*This year, our students and alumni have benefited from new ways to make connections and support student success.*

## People Grove Iowa Career Alumni Network (ICAN)

With support from alumni, the Political Science Department was able to launch the Iowa Career Alumni Network (ICAN), a licensed online system that allows current majors to connect with alumni directly. Prior to launching this system, students were connected with an alumnus through a faculty member. The ICAN system creates a better and easier process for students to connect with alumni. After a student joins the online platform, they can search through alumni that have joined, including finding those in career areas of interest. Students can then message alumni through the system. Alumni have been an important resource of career information and support for our students and the new system will increase student-alumni engagement.

*Through the Iowa Career Alumni Network (ICAN) on PeopleGrove, I was able to connect with many professionals from specifically my major and see what kind of career paths they have pursued. Usually with my major, I see only a couple of direct paths such as being a lawyer. By making connections on ICAN, I have seen that even if they also pursued a law degree, some ended up working as policy analysts, intelligence analysts, consultants, or other jobs. The ICAN network is a great resource to learn about future career possibilities from alumni professionals.*

– Ayah ElGaddal, international relations senior



If you are interested in joining ICAN, visit: [uiowa.peoplegrove.com](https://uiowa.peoplegrove.com)





## San Diego Alumni Event

Our alumni gathered at Bread & Salt in San Diego on August 30, 2023. Attendees enjoyed meeting other political science alumni and learning about new initiatives at the University, including ways they can connect with current students. We were fortunate to have Mayor Todd Gloria stop by to say a few words. Many thanks to alum Darrell Netherton, Via International, and the University of Iowa Center for Advancement for helping us organize this special event.



## Chicago Alumni Happy Hour

The Department of Political Science hosted an alumni happy hour at Theory in Chicago on October 11, 2023. It was another great opportunity for alumni to connect and learn about new department initiatives. Huge thanks to Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias who spoke and answered questions during the evening.





## Undergraduate Peer Mentor Program



The Department of Political Science Undergraduate Peer Mentor Program has been a wonderful resource for students searching for information and a student's view about classes, campus activities, internships, and many other topics. This year's six peer mentors (juniors and seniors) have been actively involved in the campus community and have a wealth of knowledge to share with new students in our program. To learn more, visit [politicalscience.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/political-science-peer-mentors](https://politicalscience.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/political-science-peer-mentors)

PICTURED: (top) Jaden Bartlett, Maddie Cason, Yunseo Ki, (bottom) Maia Rivera Diaz, Marco Ocegüera, Ryan Westhoff

## Benjamin F. Shambaugh Conferences

### Women and Political Parties: Building Theory and Knowledge

TRACY OSBORN

Eighteen participants gathered on October 13-14 for the Shambaugh Conference on Women and Parties. The participants presented papers about how women in office interact with political parties - for example, whether and how parties recruit women candidates, Republican women's leadership in Congress, and how different levels of parties work together to promote women's issues. Two participants from the University of Edinburgh also encouraged us to think about how the UK and American party systems compare. Nine graduate students from the Department of Political Science also got the chance to participate. After the conference, the group plans to publish several articles on new research in women and parties - as political parties continue to change, we need to develop new ideas and data to understand how women in different parties govern.

### The Risks and Opportunities of the 2024 Election

CAROLINE TOLBERT & MICHAEL RITTER

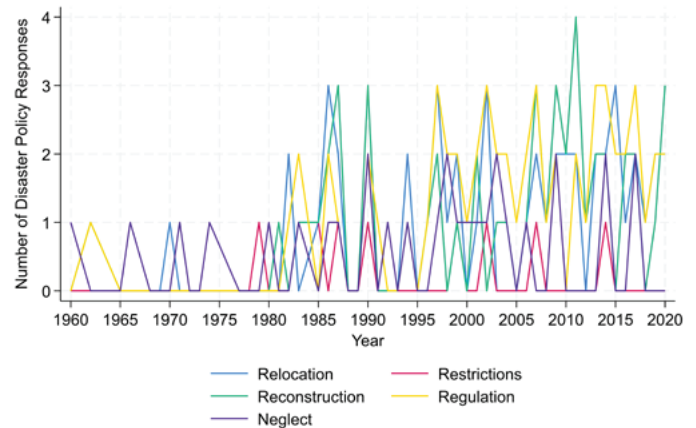
Professor Caroline Tolbert and alum Michael Ritter (Washington State University) hosted a Shambaugh Conference November 2-4, 2023, focusing on 2024, an election with high stakes, opportunities, and potential risks. They brought together twenty out-of-state experts on election administration and election law. Elaine Kamarck of the Brookings Institution also gave a keynote presentation on the 2024 Republican primary. The risks of 2024 include possible parallels between the upcoming presidential election and 2000, when 4-6 million ballots were not counted due to problems with election administration (Caltech MIT 2011). Topics discussed at the conference included poll worker retention, professionalization of election auditors, the varying cost of administering elections and measuring local government election capacity; issues with mail-in voting; voter centers, third-party voter registration, legislative districts, election integrity, and voter confidence in elections.



## Disasters, Migration, and Violence (DMV) Lab

Disasters like earthquakes, floods, and droughts are becoming more frequent and could displace more than a billion people by 2050. In the Disasters, Migration, and Violence (DMV) Lab, Sara Mitchell, Elise Pizzi, and a dozen students are collecting data on government responses to disasters, such as relocation of affected individuals, restrictions on movement, reconstruction of damaged areas, and regulations of third-party disaster relief. Our research connects these policy choices to migration and political violence within and between countries, some of which was presented in two recent papers on Peru. Our next project will compare disaster responses and violence near contested (Ecuador-Peru) and uncontested (Bolivia-Peru) borders.

Disaster Policy Response in Peru, 1960-2020



## Publications & Books

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# DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Fred Boehmke** received a 2023 CLAS Collegiate Teaching Award for his outstanding contribution to research.

**David Greenwood-Sanchez** was promoted to Assistant Professor.

**Martha Kirby** received the 2023 Staff Award for Distinguished Leadership in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from UI Staff Council. In July, she began her role as Chair of the Pre-Law Advisors National Council (PLANC). She left the department in September for an opportunity in Iowa Law Admissions.

**Ron McMullen** visited Georgia and South Caucasus region as background for his fall class POLI:3426, Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries. He also traveled to Pristina, Kosovo, where he provided lectures and simulations at Kosovo International Summer Academy

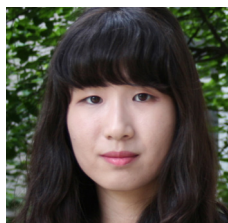
**Sara Mitchell** was awarded the FPA Distinguished Scholar Award at the ISA 2023 Annual Convention and is now a Collegiate Fellow. She also received a 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association.

**Julie Pacheco** was promoted to full Professor and received a Seeding Excellence Initiative Grant from the Iowa Office of the Vice President of Research. The grant will help fund a project exploring voter turnout and civic engagement for Latinos across Iowa's 99 counties.

**Elise Pizzi** was promoted to Associate Professor and recently worked on natural disaster relief research with support from the Public Policy Center Summer Scholars Series.

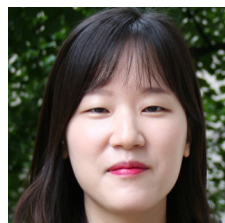
**Alex P. Smith** joined the department as a lecturer this fall.

## PhD & Placements



### **HYEIN KO**

Dissertation: "A Picture's Worth: Visual Framing, Social Media, and Protest Perceptions"  
Placement: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



### **SAERA LEE**

Dissertation: "How Shared Culture Influences Alliance Termination"  
Placement: Northwestern University



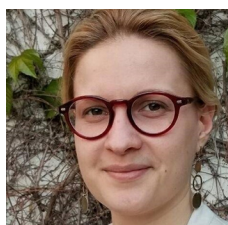
### **WILLOW KREUTZER**

Dissertation, "Patriarchal Problems, Feminist Solutions: Incorporating Feminist Design Into Rationalist International Interventions"  
Placement: U.S. State Department: Conflict, Stabilization, and Operations Bureau



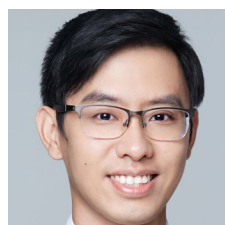
### **HOSHIK NAM**

Dissertation: "The Role of Internal Actors' Interests in UN Arms Embargo and the US Arms Sales Policies"  
Placement: Jacksonville State University



### **DARIA KUZNETSOVA**

Dissertation: "The Weaponization of Digital Communication Spaces: How Authoritarian Regimes Use Information Control to Suppress Contention"  
Placement: University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand



### **ERICO YU**

Dissertation: "Individual and Beyond Individual: Mechanisms of Compliance with Injustice"  
Placement: Data Analytics and Computational Social Science Program (DACSS), University of Massachusetts, Amherst

## 2023-24 ALUMNI INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Thanks to our alumni, the department offers two one-week courses every semester that provide students a unique opportunity to explore careers and learn from alumni working in specific professions.



### **Building and Managing Winning Political Campaigns**

JOE GAYLORD

Joe Gaylord's spring course taught the key elements and strategies of managing successful political campaigns. Special attention was given to using campaign information systems in developing the strategy, message, and plan for the campaign as well as managing it to a successful conclusion.



### **Populism, Pluralism, and the Urban-Rural Divide**

MICHAEL MICHENER

Michael Michener's spring course explored both historical and contemporary populist movements in the U.S. and their role in the current urban-rural schism in American politics. Students engaged in discussions and wrote a short essay on a topic.



### **Civil Rights and the Constitution**

MARIA MAKAR

Maria Marka's fall course covered the history and current landscape of civil rights in America and concluded with a Supreme Court simulation at the Boyd Law Building, where students assumed the roles of attorneys and justices to argue and defend pivotal civil rights cases.



### **Grassroots, Grasstops, Lawyers, and Money: Influencing Public Policy in the Age of Technology**

DAVID CONN

David Conn's fall course used interactive discussion and small-group exercises to teach effective advocacy techniques and the ways in which public policy advocates influence decision-making at the local, state, and national levels.

# Welcome!

Newest members of the Political Science Alumni Advisory Board.



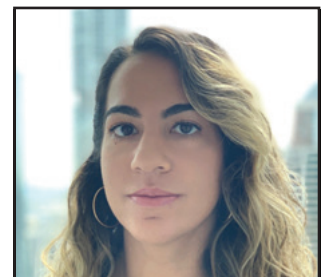
**Andrew Bohn**



**Lindsay Crittendon**



**David Conn**



**Maria Makar**



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