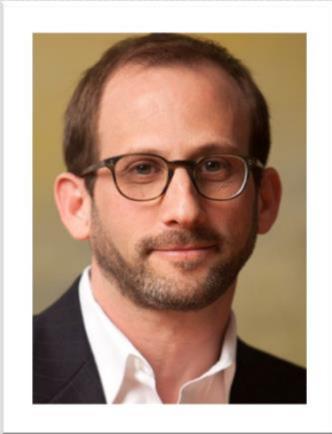


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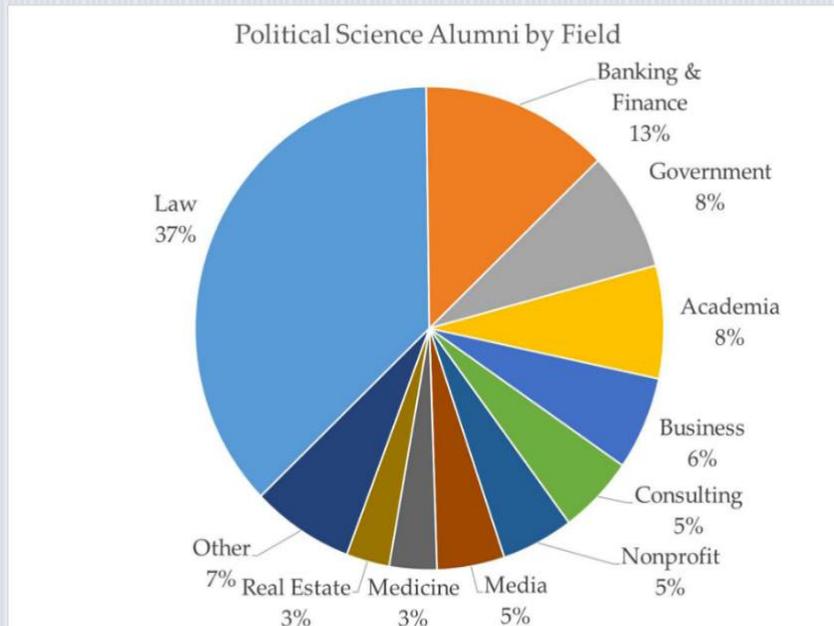


Hello and welcome to the 2017-18 edition of the Political Science Department Newsletter. This year I note with sadness that our colleague Woody Howard passed away at the age of 85. Woody was a former chair of the department and a highly influential scholar in the field of law and politics. You can read more about Woody’s life and work in a remembrance written by one of his former PhD students, Patrick Schmidt, now a professor at Macalester College.

This year we welcomed two outstanding new faculty to the department. Vesla Weaver is the Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Political Science and an expert on U.S. politics, mass incarceration, and inequality. Matthew Kocher is a Senior Lecturer in the department and the School of Advanced International Studies who conducts research on civil wars and political violence.

Our graduate students continue to thrive and we have highlighted a few of the places our recent PhDs have landed over the past year. Overall, around sixty percent of our PhD graduates are appointed as post-doctoral fellows or as tenure track faculty at colleges and universities. Around fifteen percent work as non-tenure track faculty; fifteen percent work in government or the non-profit sector, and 10 percent in other non-academic employment.

Over the past year, we have reconnected with a number of undergraduate alumni from the department. It is extremely rewarding to hear from you. Recently, I took a closer look at the career patterns of 1,000 of our alumni. As indicated below, 50% of Political Science graduates are employed in law or banking. The remaining half are engaged in a very wide range of careers in government, academia, business, various nonprofits, and media among others. I believe the diverse accomplishments of our alumni reflect the critical skills and broad intellectual foundation the faculty emphasize in our teaching and in the approach to the study of politics, we take in our research.





Vesla Mae Weaver PhD, Harvard, Government and Social Policy, is the Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Political Science and Sociology at Johns Hopkins University and a 2016-17 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. Weaver is broadly interested in understanding racial inequality in the United States, how state policies shape citizenship, and the political causes and consequences of the growth of the criminal justice system in the United States. She is the co-author of *Arresting Citizenship: The Democratic Consequences of American Crime Control* is concerned with the effects of increasing punishment and surveillance in America on

democratic inclusion, particularly for the black urban poor. She is also the author of *Frontlash: Civil Rights, the Carceral State, and the Transformation of American Politics* (under contract with Cambridge), which uncovers a connection between the movement for civil rights and the development of punitive criminal justice.

Weaver is also the co-author of *Creating a New Racial Order*, which explores how multiracialism, immigration, the genomics revolution, and generational changes are reshaping the racial order in the United States. Weaver's research has been supported by fellowships from the Russell Sage Foundation, National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Brookings Institution. She has served on the Harvard/NIJ Executive Session on Community Corrections, the APSA Presidential Taskforce on Racial Inequality in the Americas, and the Center for Community Change's Good Jobs for All initiative.



Matthew Adam Kocher, Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2004, is a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Science and the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Kocher's research is concerned with the causes and internal dynamics of civil wars and other violent social processes. Within this field, he has been an innovator in the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), quantitative micro-comparative analysis, and the construction of datasets from archival materials. His work has been published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Peace Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Politics and Society*, *Política y Gobierno*, and *World Politics*.

He has won the American Political Science Association's (APSA) 2006 Gabriel A. Almond Award for the best dissertation in comparative politics, the APSA Comparative Politics Section's 2009 Gregory Luebbert Award for the best professional article in comparative politics, the 2009 Article of the Year Award from the *Journal of Peace Research*, and APSA's 2017 Heinz I. Eulau Award for the best article published in *Perspective on Politics* in 2016. Dr. Kocher has previously taught at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, and Yale University.

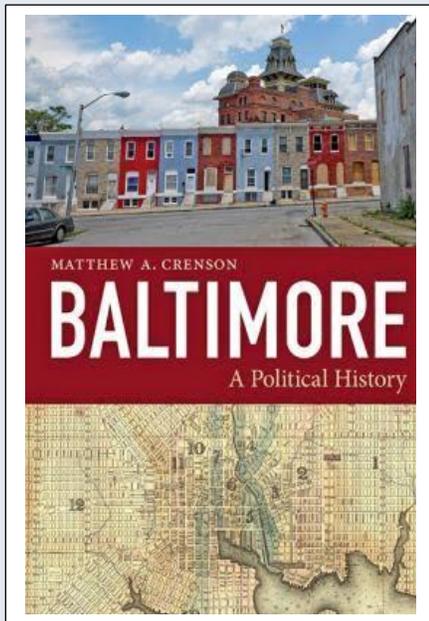
2017-2018 New Incoming Graduate

~Maye Henning American Politics
~Nandini Dey International Relations
~Thomas Mann Political Theory
~Tvrtko Vrdoljak Political Theory
~Valerie de Koeijer International Relations
~Sabrina Axter Comparative Politics

~Claudio Fiorini American Politics
~Darko Vinketa Political Theory
~Elliott Schwebach Political Theory
~Emma Cytrynbaum Political Theory
~Joseph Becker International Relations
~Luize Eihmane Law and Politics

~Maximiliano Vejares Comparative Politics

Faculty Publication



Baltimore a Political History,
Johns Hopkins University
Press, 2017

Emeritus Professor of Political Science Matthew A. Crenson, examines the role of politics and race throughout Baltimore's history. From its founding in 1729 up through the recent past, Crenson follows Baltimore's political evolution from an empty expanse of marsh and hills to a complicated city with distinct ways of doing business. Revealing how residents at large engage (and disengage) with one another across an expansive agenda of issues and conflicts, Crenson shows how politics helped form this complex city's personality.

Crenson provocatively argues that Baltimore's many quirks are likely symptoms of urban underdevelopment. The city's longtime domination by the general assembly—and the corresponding weakness of its municipal authority—forced residents to adopt the private and extra-governmental institutions that shaped early Baltimore.

Peering into the city's 300-odd neighborhoods, this fascinating account holds up a mirror to Baltimore, asking whites in particular to re-examine the past and accept due responsibility for future racial progress.

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Sam Chambers Promoted to Professor of Political Science. A well-deserved recognition of his achievements as a scholar and teacher.

Dr. Lester Spence received the Provost's Prize for Faculty Excellence in Diversity

Dr. Daniel Schlozman named the inaugural Joseph and Bertha Bernstein Assistant Professor in Social Policy

Congratulations to Dr. Sarah Parkinson & Meaghan Charlton

Awarded a JHU Berman Institute for Bioethics Exploration of Practical Ethics Research Grant on *The Ethics of Preparedness in Humanitarian Disasters*

Congratulations to Dr. Mathew Kocher on winning the 2017 Heinz I. Eulau Award from the APSA for the best article published in *Perspectives on Politics* in 2016. The article is entitled, "Lines of Demarcation: Causation, Design-Based Inference, and Historical Research" (co-authored with Nuno Monteiro)

Congratulations to Sally Lawton on being named a Norton Long Scholar by the Urban Politics Section of APSA. The Norton Long Young Scholars Award is given to individuals completing their PhD (or within 3 years of earning their degree) who have submitted a paper proposal to the 2017 APSA meeting.

Graduate Students' Honors and Award

James Hart Fellowship

*Kavi Abraham~Tarek Tutunji
Yoni Abramson*

Nicole Suevges Fellowship

Chunman Zhang~Meaghan Charlton

Joel Steward Ish Fellowship

Devin Fernandes

Warren B. Hunting Scholarship

Stephanie Erev

Stanley and Linda Hambleton Panitz Endowed Fellowship

Nur Kirmizadag

Malcolm H. Laucheimer Fellowship

Sally Lawton

Charles Lathrop Pack in memory of John Hibben

Mike Albert

Charles Lathrop Pack in memory of Walter Hines Page

Luis Rodriguez Aquino

Ben and Esther Rosenbloom Foundation

Chunman Zhang

Gaston I. Sweitzer Fellowship

Bryan Carter

Beulah Benton Tatum endowment Fellowship

San Sier

Fellowships

Lauren Foley, Jefferson Scholars Foundation fellowship at the Miller Center of the University of Virginia.

Patrick Giamario as the Kolker-Hallock-Saxon Family Foundation Fellow in American Pluralism.

Dean's Teaching Fellowship

Michael Albert & Stephanie Erev

Paul McCoy Award Winners

Colin Eubank & Franziska Strack

Undergraduate Student Awards

The Julius Turner Award Best Thesis In Political Science

Ashleigh Samlut

*The Cuban Success Story: The Power of
Politics in South Florida's Cuban-American
Enclave*

The Robert Tucker Award Best Thesis in International Studies

Fan Fei

*China's Popular Sovereignty: Rethinking Nationalism, Sovereignty
and Chinese Foreign Policy*

Corey Payne

*Chaos and Class Struggle: The Limits of Inequality in the Long
Twentieth Century*

Post-Doctoral Fellow



Nicole Thornton is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Political Science department at Johns Hopkins University. She received her PhD in Political Science from Johns Hopkins in May 2017. Her research interests include comparative racial and ethnic politics, immigrant incorporation and citizenship, nationalism and state formation, and public policy. Her research broadly concerns the politics of democratic inclusion in postcolonial and settler societies spanning sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. She examines how multiculturalism, citizenship and immigration policies, and racial and ethnic group boundaries was negotiated among post-slavery, political categories by analyzing the tension between diaspora and nativity in the construction of multiculturalism in postcolonial societies. Using an approach that highlights the role of diasporic politics in the negotiation of national belonging, her research demonstrates that in the current "post-racial" era, immigrant. Political actors have negotiated the terms of their recognition; national belonging and democratic inclusion at the exclusion of Afro-descended populations popularly constructed as "native" to the territory, entailing a process that constructs *ethnic* categories of inclusion while reciprocally denoting *racially*-excluded others defined by their lack of diasporic cultural value.

Undergraduate Alumni News

Robert O'Connor, Class of 1967, is a program director at the National Science Foundation

Jeff Feinstein, Class of 1975, is currently a High School teacher and history department chair in Fairfax County, VA

Robert Dilger, Class of 1976, is Senior Specialist in American National Government at the Congressional Research Service

Andrew Richman, Class of 1989, is Associate General Counsel at the Intercontinental Exchange

Jeff Pavell, Class of 1989, is chief of rehabilitation medicine at Englewood Medical Center

Adam Bergman, Class of 1995, is a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo

Sharon Woods (formerly Sharon Bailey), Class of 2003, is currently, the General Counsel for the Defense Digital Service at Department of Defense in the Pentagon

Patrick Bott, Class of 2005, is currently a high school vice principal in New Jersey

Harrison Wadsworth, Class of 2008, works in government relations for the Siemens Corporation

Amanda Klein, Class of 2008, is completing an Ed.D in Education Leadership and Policy.

Alexandra Ballato, Class of 2016, is working with the farm partnerships team for Blue Apron

Ph.D. Graduate Alumni News – Job Placements 2017

Elizabeth Mendenhall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island

Nicole Thornton, Ph.D., Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University

Zachary Reyna, Ph.D., Assistant Professor School of Advanced Studies, University of Tyumen, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Cara Daggett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of South Florida

Chad Shomura, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Colorado-Denver

Katherine Goktepe, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Edinburgh

Derek Denman, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute

Anne Gillman, Ph.D., Post-doctoral fellow, University of California-Davis

Welcome!

Tracey Biller as the department addition as Administrative Secretary. She worked in the Department of Anthropology in 2015. In addition, she is familiar with the academic/administration of Johns Hopkins University.

Thank you!

Lindsay Cook, the department Academic Program Coordinator, for your continuing support of the department.



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~ Please send alumni news and updates to poliscialumni@jhu.edu.~

J. Woodford Howard, Jr.

J. Woodford Howard, Jr., the Thomas P. Stran Professor Emeritus at the Johns Hopkins University—known as “Woody” by his colleagues and former students—passed away on May 19, 2017 after a long illness. Highly regarded in the field of public law, Woody was an inspiring scholar and teacher, wonderful advisor, passionate patron of the arts, and loving husband and father.

Born July 5, 1931, Woody grew up in Prestonsburg, eastern Kentucky, the son of a lawyer. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University in 1952 and began graduate school at Princeton University, taking two masters degrees in 1954 and 1955 before serving with the US Air Force in Morocco. He returned to Princeton to complete a PhD in political science in 1959, under Alpheus T. Mason, and would later recount that he sequestered himself in the graduate facilities for eleven months, stepping off campus only once while finishing his dissertation. He spent several years teaching at Lafayette College and Duke before arriving at Johns Hopkins University in 1967 as an associate professor. He became a full professor in 1969 and chaired the department in the early 1970s. Earning the endowed chair in 1975, he served there until taking emeritus status in 1996. Woody’s expertise and passion were in US constitutional law, the Supreme Court, and the judicial process—the traditional core of the public law subfield—and in his teaching and work he was committed to a broad and pluralistic future for the field. His first book, *Mr. Justice Murphy: A Political Biography* (1968), is commonly considered among the finest judicial biographies. In a 1971 article in the *American Political Science Review*, he sought to defend a place for biography “related to, if not part of, the scientific enterprise”: valuing aggregate analysis but using the case studies of judges to “reclaim human beings from abstraction, a function the more to be prized the greater is our success in aggregation” (Howard 1971, 715). His second book was highly influential in turning the subfield’s preoccupation with the Supreme Court, while Woody himself developed new methodological skills. For *Courts of Appeals in the Federal Judicial System* (1981), Woody tracked the work of three circuits over two decades and, combined with 35 interviews with circuit judges, advanced a conception of the judicial role that explains how political attitudes affect behavior when judges do not have the independence of the high court. In his later career, Woody returned to biography but extended his work to trial courts, with the project of the authorized biography of Harold R. Medina, the most famous trial judge in America during the early Cold War era. (The biography will be published posthumously.)

Through his life and work, Woody fought against the over-simplification that threatened to reduce all

judicial behavior to mere political attitudes, and that divided the discipline as a battle of quantitative versus qualitative approaches. Far from being a methodological warrior, he sought to identify what the “quantifiers” and “qualifiers” shared in common. As he emphasized in an influential APSR article, “On the Fluidity of Judicial Choice” (1968), what he saw in close study of the Court pointed to “the essential unity of research techniques,” where the “the critical need is for attempts to combine the findings of aggregate analysis and microanalysis in a theoretical synthesis.” The field responded, working to account for institutions and strategic behavior well before similar turns were made in other subfields. In a chapter reflecting on Woody’s contributions to the study of judicial behavior, Nancy Maveety and John Maltese concluded that his work had been “both a substantive foundation for subsequent research questions and a catalyst for the ongoing dialogue about research design.” In 2008, Woody was recognized by the Law and Courts section of APSA with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

An outstanding, dedicated teacher, Woody sought to impart the history and richness of his subjects with his students. He was exceptionally generous with his time, taking many hours to prepare for each class, and then sitting with students in appointments that could last for hours. He was as passionate as anyone about the Supreme Court and recent developments in constitutional law, but urged students to never overlook the significance of lower courts and the non-constitutional domains of public law, especially administrative law. Recalling his father’s practice in a rural county, he declined to allow political scientists to become too confident in their methods, holding everyone to the test, “so what do we political scientists know now that a good courthouse attorney didn’t know all along?” To raise expectations even further, to Woody, great scholarship required great writing. Many of his students recall his blue pencil markings all over their work, detailed line edits that elevated their writing. Multiple winners of the Corwin Award, given to the best dissertation in public law, are testament to his success as a mentor. As Cornelius Kerwin, until recently the president of American University said, “I came to Hopkins as a student, and after he worked me over, I left as a scholar.” All the same, he urged students to find balance in their lives, particularly encouraging them to catch concerts or walk through the Baltimore Museum of Art on the edge of campus.

Beyond life as a scholar and teacher, Woody was a gentleman of grace and gentle wit. He was a noted patron of the arts. For decades, he frequented museums, concerts, and the opera, and he accelerated the pace of travel in his retirement. Students, frequently welcomed to his house for dinner, knew his taste for abstract expressionism, and were offered a tour of his collection, which included work by Jasper Johns, Grace

Hartigan, and de Kooning. He sat on the multiple boards for the arts, particularly the Baltimore Museum of Art. His constant companion in these pursuits was Valerie (known as Jane), his wife of 57 years, and Woody was equally a devoted father to his daughter Elaine. Woody is survived by Jane and Elaine, along with two grandsons. A memorial service was held in June 2017 in Baltimore.

—Patrick Schmidt, Macalester College

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