

Department of Political Science | College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - APRIL 2011

The University of Michigan's Department of Political Science has long been recognized as one of the country's best. Our faculty are recognized worldwide for their accomplishments in research and teaching. Graduate students get the most up-to-date training, and we have a strong record of placing our alumni in positions at research universities and liberal arts colleges. [show more/less](#)

April 2011 Events

On Thursday April 7th we are having three panel presentations, followed by the Miller-Converse annual lecture. Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free and open to the public.

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October 2010 Events

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If you have any questions about the Centennial events, please contact us by email or by telephone at 734-763-1348

Panel Presentations

Thursday April 7, 2011

10:00am - 3:00pm

Centennial theme: "What's Worth Doing and Why?"

All panel presentations are free and open to the public.

The panel presentations will take place at the:

Michigan Union

530 S. State St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

734-763-5750

email: munion@umich.edu

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Panel 1: Is Comparative Politics a Redundancy?

Thursday, April 7, 2011

10:00am - 11:30am, Michigan Union, Anderson Rooms ABCD

Moderator: Elisabeth Gerber, University of Michigan



Frank Baumgartner

University of North Carolina

Frank R. Baumgartner is the Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A native Detroit, he received all his academic degrees at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (BA 1980; MA 1983, PhD 1986). [show more/less](#)

Valerie Bunce

Cornell University

Valerie Bunce is Professor of Government and the Aaron Binenkorb Chair of International Studies at Cornell University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1976. [show more/less](#)



Charles Franklin
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Charles Franklin (Ph.D. Michigan 1985) is Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Franklin's specialty is the graphical and statistical analysis of public opinion and voting behavior. [show more/less](#)



Jean Oi
Stanford University

Jean C. Oi is the William Haas Professor in Chinese Politics in the Department of Political Science and a senior fellow of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. She received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan in 1983. [show more/less](#)



Jeff Spinner-Halev
University of North Carolina

Professor Jeff Spinner-Halev is the Kenan Eminent Professor of Political Ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research focuses on the tensions that arise within contemporary liberal and democratic theory, and between theory and practice. [show more/less](#)



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Panel 2: Should What Was Past Be Prologue?

Thursday, April 7, 2011

11:45am - 1:15pm, Michigan Union, Pendleton Room

Lunch will be provided to those in attendance, and will take place during the presentation.

Moderator: Philip E. Converse, University of Michigan (Emeritus)



Samuel H. Barnes
Georgetown University (Emeritus)

After accepting emeritus status at the University of Michigan 1991, Professor Barnes (Ph.D., Duke) went to Georgetown as Professor of Government and Director of the new Center for German and European Studies (CGES). [show more/less](#)



M. Kent Jennings
University of California - Santa Barbara

M. Kent Jennings is Professor of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan. He was a member of the Michigan Department of Political Science and the Institute for Social Research from 1963-1981, and 1984-1996. [show more/less](#)



John Kingdon
(Emeritus)

John W. Kingdon is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He was on the Department's faculty from 1965 to 1998, and chaired the Department for six of those years. [show more/less](#)



Joel Aberbach
University of California - Los Angeles

Joel D. Aberbach is Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the Center for American Politics and Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). [show more/less](#)



Christopher Achen
Princeton University

Christopher H. Achen is the Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences at Princeton University (PhD, Yale University; B.A., University of California at Berkeley). [show more/less](#)

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Panel 3: Now That We Call The Subfield "International Relations," Is What We Do Really World Politics?

Thursday, April 7, 2011

1:30pm - 3:00pm, Michigan Union, Anderson Rooms ABCD

Moderator: Allan Stam, University of Michigan



Bear Braumoeller
Ohio State University

Professor Braumoeller has research and teaching interests in a variety of areas, including international relations, international security, political methodology, and international history. [show more/less](#)



Sarah Croco
University of Maryland

Sarah E. Croco is Assistant Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. She received her Ph.D. from Michigan in 2008 with a focus in international relations. [show more/less](#)



George Downs
New York University

George W. Downs is Professor of Politics and the former Dean for Social Sciences at NYU. Prior to coming to NYU 1998, he was Boswell Professor of Peace and War at Princeton University. [show more/less](#)



Dan Reiter
Emory University

Dan Reiter received his Ph.D. from Michigan in 1994. Since 1995, he has been on the faculty in the political science department at Emory University, where he is currently department chair. [show more/less](#)

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Miller-Converse Annual Lecture

Thursday April 7, 2011

Reception: 3:15pm - 4:15pm, Institute for Social Research, 6th floor

Lecture: 4:15pm - 5:30pm, Institute for Social Research, Room 6050

In honor of the Department of Political Science Centennial, the Miller-Converse lecture this year will be a panel presentation. It will be preceded by a reception. Both the reception and the Miller-Converse lecture are free and open to the public.

The Miller-Converse lecture will take place at the:

Institute for Social Research, Room 6050

426 Thompson St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2321

734-764-8354

email: cps@isr.umich.edu

A Panel Discussion on Public Opinion and Political Action: The Present and the Future of the Fields

Moderator: Nancy Burns, University of Michigan



Adam Berinsky
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Adam Berinsky is an Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT. Berinsky received his PhD. from the University of Michigan in 2000. He is a specialist in the fields of political behavior and public opinion. [show more/less](#)



Kathy Cramer Walsh
University of Wisconsin

Katherine Cramer Walsh (PhD Michigan 2000, BA University of Wisconsin-Madison 1994) is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is the Morgride Center for Public Service Faculty Research Scholar. [show more/less](#)



Cindy Kam
Vanderbilt University

Cindy Kam received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2003. She is associate professor of political science at Vanderbilt University and Director of the Research on Individuals, Politics & Society Lab. Her research focuses on political psychology, public opinion, and political participation. [show more/less](#)



Ellen Lust
Yale University

Ellen Lust is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Yale University. She received a PhD in Political Science and an MA in Middle East Studies at the University of Michigan. [show more/less](#)



Tasha Philpot
University of Texas - Austin

Tasha Philpot is an Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. She is also affiliated with the Center for African and African American Studies and the Center for Women's and Gender Studies. [show more/less](#)

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Centennial Celebrations - October 2010

The University of Michigan's Department of Political Science has long been recognized as one of the country's best. Our faculty are recognized worldwide for their accomplishments in research and teaching. Graduate students get the most up-to-date training, and we have a strong record of placing our alumni in positions at research universities and liberal arts colleges. [show more/less](#)

High-quality education for undergraduates is just as critical. Students choose a degree in political science because they recognize the importance of preparing for active citizenship; our concentration enables them to become astute observers of both their own government and political systems around the world. We currently have more than 900 concentrators, making us one of the largest majors on campus.

As we approach our 100th anniversary in the fall of 2010, we look forward to maintaining our high standards of excellence. We look forward to the events planned for the Centennial, and hope you can join us in Ann Arbor and be part of the celebration.

To celebrate the first 100 years of the Department of Political Science, we are sponsoring a series of events in October 2010 and April 2011.

October 2010 Events

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Film Screening: *Freedom's Fury*
Thursday, October 7, 2010
7:30pm, Michigan Theater Screening Room

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Written and directed by Colin Gray.

Freedom's Fury is a powerful feature documentary about the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and the “Bloodiest Game in Olympic History.”

This hard-hitting film tells the story of the fateful moment in 1956 when Hungary exploded in a “people power” revolt, and culminates in the infamous water polo showdown between Hungary and the Soviet Union at the Melbourne Olympics, known as the “Blood in the Water Match.”

The documentary follows the journey of the Hungarian Olympic water polo team—and its young star, Ervin Zador—who find themselves the unwitting focal point of the most politicized sports match ever played.

Admission price: Free

Time: 7:30pm

Michigan Theater Screening Room
603 E. Liberty
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-668-8397
email: info@michigantheater.org
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Panel Presentations
Friday October 8, 2010
11:00am - 5:00pm, Michigan Union Ballroom

On Friday, October 8th (the day before the Michigan-Michigan State football game), we are presenting a keynote speaker, with panel presentations to follow. We'll be examining the variety of careers that former Political Science concentrators have had, and how majoring in Political Science has contributed to preparing for careers in both the public and private sectors.

All panel presentations are free and open to the public.

Panel presentations will take place at:

Michigan Union Ballroom

Second floor, Michigan Union

530 S. State St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

734)-763-5750

email: munion@umich.edu

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Keynote Speaker

Friday October 8, 2010

11:00am - 12:15pm, Michigan Union Ballroom

Introduction: Joseph G. Lansing

Facilitator: Jenna Bednar

Colin Keith Gray

BA 1990, Political Science

Colin was born in Ann Arbor, MI and raised in Ottawa Canada. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1990 with a double degree in Political Science and French Literature. [show more/less](#)

Colin and his sister, Megan, are an award winning filmmaking team known as The Sibs who specialize in feature documentaries, independent films and branded entertainment. They were knighted by the Hungarian Government for their feature documentary Freedom's Fury, about the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

They recently co-wrote and produced Redlight, a provocative feature documentary about child sex trafficking in Cambodia. The Sibs then co-wrote and directed Meena with actress and UM alum Lucy Liu, a narrative short film for the upcoming PBS series based on the best selling novel, Half The Sky. The Sibs are currently in production on their first IMAX 3D feature documentary called Game Day! College Football to the Max.

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Panel 1: World Affairs
Friday October 8, 2010
1:30pm - 2:30pm, Michigan Union Ballroom

Introduction: George Vincent
Facilitator: Allan Stam

Deborah Yarsike Ball
BA 1983, PhD 1994

Deborah Yarsike Ball is an Associate Program Leader in the Counterproliferation and Operational Intelligence Support program at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. [show more/less](#)

She also heads the Dynamic Network Assessment Group, which seeks to discover and characterize networks of state and non-state actors intent on creating and using WMD.

She received her PhD from the U-M and has been a fellow at Harvard University's Center for Science and International Affairs, as well as Stanford's Center for International Security and Arms Control. Ball's current research utilizes her nonproliferation expertise from many years of working on issues in support of DOE, DOD, DOS, and other USG agencies.

Ball's recent publications include: "Scientists in a Changed Institutional Environment" in *Social Studies of Science*, (August 2009, with Theodore Gerber), and "Preventing WMD Terrorism" in *WMD Terrorism: Science and Policy Choices* (MIT Press, 2009, co-author). She is currently a member of the Advisory Board for *Annual Editions: World Politics* (McGraw-Hill Publisher). Among her committee assignments, Ball has served on a US National Academy of Sciences Committee tasked to assess the Indigenization of US Programs to Prevent Leakage of Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium from Russia.

Annalisa Leibold

BA 2008, Political Science

Annalisa Leibold grew up in Petoskey, MI. Upon graduating from U-M in 2008, she was the honored recipient of the Harold D. Osterweil Prize in Economics and the William Jennings Leadership Prize in Political Science. [show more/less](#)

She is currently completing her final year of the Yale Law School's JD program.

Leibold is keenly interested in the study of law and international economic development. Her forthcoming publication "Aligning Incentives for Development," a case study of the Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline, focuses on the World Bank's role in resource exploitation in underdeveloped states.

Melvyn Levitsky

BA 1960, Political Science; MA 1963 (University of Iowa)

Ambassador (ret.) Melvyn Levitsky is Professor of International Policy and Practice at the Ford School; a Senior Fellow of the School's International Policy Center; and a Faculty Associate of the Center for Russian and East European Studies and of the European Union Center-Center for European Studies. [show more/less](#)

Prior to joining the Ford School in 2006, Levitsky taught at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. In May 2006 he was reelected by a vote in the United Nations Economic and Social Council to a seat on the International Narcotics Control Board, an independent body of international experts headquartered in Vienna.

Levitsky's 35-year career as a US Foreign Service Officer included serving as ambassador to Brazil from 1994-98; he also held such senior positions as Assistant Secretary of State for

International Narcotics Matters, Executive Secretary of the State Department, Ambassador to Bulgaria, Deputy Director of the Voice of America, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, Director of the Office of US-Soviet Bilateral Affairs and Director of UN Political Affairs. On his retirement he received the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award.

Lana Pollack

BS 1965 Political Science

Lana Pollack served three terms in the Michigan Senate and spent 12 years as president of the Michigan Environmental Council. [show more/less](#)

Currently Pollack is United States Section Chair of the International Joint Commission. This bi-national commission helps prevent and resolve disputes and advises the Canadian and US governments on their shared boundary waters.

Pollack was also a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, taught at the University of Michigan, was elected a trustee of the Ann Arbor Board of Education, ran for the US House and Senate, and served on several educational, nonprofit, and corporate boards.

David Shuster

BA 1989 Political Science

David Shuster is an Emmy-award-winning broadcast news anchor and reporter. [show more/less](#)

He most recently hosted shows on MSNBC and anchored that network's prime time coverage of breaking news stories including the historic Congressional votes for healthcare reform.

Shuster also worked for NBC, where he covered Operation Iraqi Freedom in Doha, Qatar; the first elections in Baghdad; the selection of Pope Benedict; and Hurricane Katrina. On MSNBC's Hardball, Shuster covered the 2008 and 2004 presidential campaigns. Shuster was also a

correspondent for Fox News and led that network's coverage of Whitewater, the Lewinsky scandal, and the Senate impeachment trial.

In 2006, Shuster was the recipient of the prestigious "Bugle Award" given by the Disabled American Veterans, given for his coverage of the organization's Winter Sports Clinic in Aspen, Colorado. Shuster and his wife, Julianna Goldman, a White House reporter for Bloomberg News, live in Washington, DC.

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Panel 2: State Politics
Friday October 8, 2010
2:45pm - 3:45pm, Michigan Union Ballroom

Introduction: Shirley McFee
Facilitator: William Zimmerman

John Cherry
BA 1973, Political Science; 1984 MPA (UM-Flint)

John Cherry became Michigan's Lieutenant Governor in 2003. [show more/less](#)

Before that he served the people of Michigan for more than 20 years as a state representative, state senator, and Senate Minority Leader. Cherry has received many awards and honors, including recognition from the *Detroit News* as one of Michigan's Most Effective Legislators. He was named the 2005 Conservationist of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and is the immediate past Chair of the Great Lakes Commission. He has also served as Chair of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

Cherry's focus on families and education has meant that more Michigan citizens have the opportunity to go to college. He led the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth, making a series of recommendations that have brought higher education into the larger discussion of creating and retaining jobs in Michigan. He also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Jeremy Fischer

BA 2002, Political Science

The Hon. Jeremy R. Fischer graduated from U-M with highest distinction in 2002 and received the Department's William Jennings Bryan Award. [show more/less](#)

At 22, he was elected to the Maine Legislature and represented his hometown of Presque Isle for three terms. At 26, he became the youngest person to ever serve as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which oversees the state's \$3 billion annual budget.

Fischer graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law, where he was an editor of the Maine Law Review. He is currently an attorney at the law firm of Bernstein Shur, and practices in the areas of corporate restructuring and litigation. Fischer was recently recognized by Chambers USA for his work in the area of Corporate/M&A: Bankruptcy. He lives in Portland, Maine, with his wife, Sarah.

Jeff Irwin

BA 2000, Political Science

Originally from the Upper Peninsula, Jeff Irwin came to Ann Arbor in 1995 to study Political Science. While earning a BA, Jeff worked with the League of Conservation Voters to motivate and educate environmentalists. [show more/less](#)

Concurrently, Jeff worked with local candidates on canvassing, phone-banking and communications. In his senior year, Jeff ran for local office, winning a seat on the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

In that capacity, Jeff has participated in regional governments such as SEMCOG, lobbied state and federal officials and served as Chair of the Board. Now, Jeff is running for the State House of Representatives and will represent the Democratic Party in November.

Bob King

BA 1968, Political Science

Bob King, President of the International Union, United Auto Workers, is known for his activism and passionate beliefs in social and economic justice. [show more/less](#)

He has led delegations to Mexico and El Salvador to stand in solidarity with the oppressed. A 1968 graduate of U-M, King received his law degree in 1973 from the University of Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968–1970. He is married with four children and resides in Ann Arbor.

Kurtis T. Wilder

BA 1981, Political Science; JD 1984

Honorable Kurtis Wilder is one of 28 judges on the Michigan Court of Appeals. [show more/less](#)

He was appointed to the Court by Governor John Engler in 1998, elected in 2000, and reelected in 2004. Previously, Wilder was chief judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court.

Wilder chairs the Board of Trustees of Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW), and serves as Trustee of the Interlochen Center for the Arts and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Sphinx Organization; he is also a member of the President's Advisory Council at Walsh College.

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**Panel 3: Mass Communication, Fund Raising and Campaigning, and Community Service
Friday October 8, 2010
4:00pm - 5:00pm, Michigan Union Ballroom**

Introduction: Richard L. Frank
Facilitator: Arlene Saxonhouse

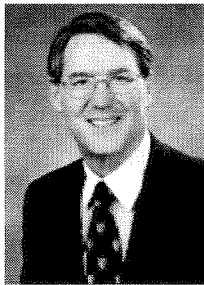
Martha Boudreau

BA 1979, Political Science

Martha Boudreau serves as President & Senior Partner, Mid-Atlantic and Latin America for Fleishman-Hillard International Communications. [show more/less](#)

She is responsible for management of the firm's offices in Washington, DC, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Mexico, as well as an affiliate network throughout Latin America. She has worked with some of the world's most respected institutions in public affairs, crisis communications, and reputation management.

Boudreau received a BA in Political Science from the U-M in 1979. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Bird Conservancy and is a member of the Women's Forum of Washington, DC.



Carl W. Herstein

BA 1973, Political Science (high distinction and highest honors; Angell Scholar; Phi Beta Kappa)

Carl Herstein is a partner in the law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, concentrating in real estate, usury, and horse racing law, and helps manage his firm as its billing and collection partner. [show more/less](#)

After attending Michigan, he graduated from Yale Law School in 1976, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal and a teaching assistant.

Herstein writes frequently on real property, usury, and other issues. He serves on the Board of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Sphinx Organization, and is immediate past chair of the UMS Board. Carl lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, Charlene and their four children.

Diana Rogalle

BA 1990, Political Science

Diana Rogalle has been a leading Democratic political fundraiser and operative for more than fifteen years. Rogalle has played a key role in Democratic campaigns during each of the past nine consecutive election cycles. [show more/less](#)

In March 2005 Ms. Rogalle formed The Ashmead Group -- a political fundraising and strategy consulting firm based in Washington, DC. Ms. Rogalle designs and executes campaign strategies for a diverse collection of national clients - including non-profit and Fortune 50 companies, progressive organizations, Democratic party committees, U.S. Senators, governors, and Democratic candidates.

Prior to founding the Ashmead Group Ms. Rogalle served as finance director for America Coming Together (ACT) and The Media Fund - two groundbreaking Democratic committees widely credited for visionary and historic ground and air operations.

Julie Rovner

BA 1980, Political Science

Julie Rovner is a health policy correspondent for NPR, specializing in the politics of healthcare. [show more/less](#)

She is also a columnist for *National Journal's* CongressDaily. In 2005, she was awarded the Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for distinguished reporting of Congress for her coverage of the passage of the 2003 Medicare prescription drug bill and its aftermath.

Rovner is the author of the critically praised reference book *Health Care Policy and Politics A-Z*, published by CQ Press, now in its third edition.

Clayton Wilhite

BA 1967, Political Science; MBA

Clayton Wilhite joined CFI Group in 1998 as Managing Partner for North America. He added worldwide CEO responsibilities in 2004. [show more/less](#)

He retired from that position on January 1, 2008, although he continues to help with multi-national new business opportunities. Prior to joining CFI Group, Mr. Wilhite spent 27 years in consumer marketing and communications, primarily through the advertising industry in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia.

Mr. Wilhite has served some of America's leading corporations with marketing counsel on the use of communications to target and strengthen their customers' purchase loyalty. Mr. Wilhite was also a member of the University of Michigan's 1965 Rose Bowl Football Team.

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Open House: Department of Political Science Friday, October 8, 2010 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Haven Hall

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On Friday, October 8, 2010 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, the Department of Political Science will host an open house. All events are free and open to the public. Come see our facilities and mingle with Department faculty and staff. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Open House will take place at:
5700 Haven Hall
505 S. State Street

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045
734-764-6313

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Upcoming April 2011 Events

Beginning April 6, 2011, there will be a three-day series of roundtables and panels, targeted primarily at past and present graduate students and faculty. With a forward-looking perspective, we will ask what we should be doing as a department to ensure that the 125th Anniversary will be as much a cause for celebration as this Centennial. Details will be listed on this website as soon as they become available.