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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



Sheila Fraser

Former Auditor General **Sheila Fraser** visited the Department in November 2012, and met with faculty and students. She spoke of her experience in the Office of the Auditor General and provided interesting perspectives as

the first woman in the position over a ten-year term. Her insight on the Auditor General's role and the challenges faced during her tenure in office generated interesting questions and discussions. Sheila Fraser received an honorary doctorate at McMaster University's Fall convocation in 2012.



Sheila Copps

Former Deputy Prime Minister **Sheila Copps** was a guest to the department on Nov. 6, 2012. The Honourable Ms Copps addressed Dr. Karen Bird's Women & Politics class (POL 3V03). She spoke candidly about

her experiences in politics and the persistent barriers to public office that women confront. Copps drew attention to the fact that the number of women in the Canadian House of Commons has remained at a standstill (at just under 25%), with Canada falling in the world rankings of women in national parliaments. She challenged students to confront systemic gender bias in politics, business, and academia. Ms Copps' visit was co-sponsored by the "Parliament to Campus" Program of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Ahmed Shafiqul Huque

I am pleased to present the Fall 2013 issue of *Political Perspectives*, Newsletter of the Department of Political Science. It has been a productive year with excellent teaching and learning facilitated by a dedicated group of academics and eager students. Faculty continued excellent work in research and winning external grants. They disseminated their findings through high quality publications and presentations at national and international conferences.

There have been some changes in faculty over the past year. Dr. Alina Sajed joined us this summer. Her presence will add to the strength of the Department in offering courses and supervising research in International Relations. Dr. Greg Flynn has taken up the position of a teaching professor. He will contribute to further enhancing the quality of teaching and learning as well as strengthening our teaching in Canadian and comparative politics. I welcome Dr. Nicole Goodman and Dr. Ritu Mathur to the Department and wish them success. Dr. Dustin Garrick has accepted the offer of the Philomathia Foundation Professor in Water Policy, and will join the department in January 2014. His research focuses on water policy and climate change.

This issue of *Political Perspectives* contains information on events, developments, activities and accomplishments since the last issue was published in 2012. It will help readers obtain an understanding of the operations and accomplishments of the Department of Political Science.

Let us look forward to another productive and enjoyable year.

Ahmed Shafiqul Huque



FOCUS ON FACULTY



Alina Sajed

■ We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Alina Sajed** joined our Department in 2013 as a tenure track Assistant Professor. After completing her PhD in International Relations at McMaster

University in 2008, Alina taught in the Department of Political Science at the University of Hong Kong for three years. Her research interests include international relations theory, globalization and transnationalism, the politics of the Global South, and political violence. Her most recent book, *Postcolonial Encounters in International Relations: The Politics of Transgression in the Maghreb* was

published by Routledge in 2013. We welcome Alina back to the Department, where she will teach graduate and undergraduate courses in International Relations.



Nicole Goodman

■ We are also pleased to announce the arrival of **Dr. Nicole Goodman** as an Assistant Professor (CLA). She received her PhD degree in Political Science from Carleton University in

2012, and has served as a post doctoral fellow at the Innovation Policy Lab in the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. She is interested in

conducting research on Canadian political institutions, elections, and politics and the Internet. Nicole will teach courses on Canadian politics and public policy and administration.



Greg Flynn

■ It gives me pleasure to announce **Dr. Greg Flynn's** appointment as a teaching professor in the Department. He received his PhD degree from McMaster University in 2009, and previously taught in the Department

on contractually limited positions. Greg has a law degree from the University of Western Ontario and teaches courses on public law, leadership, Canadian politics and public policy. ■

TEACHING AWARDS



Todd Alway

We would like to congratulate **Dr. Todd Alway** on winning the McMaster Students Union (MSU) Award for excellence in teaching in 2013. This is the second time he received recognition from the MSU, after winning the award

earlier in 2011. Todd teaches courses on politics and government, research methods and statistics and the practice of politics.



Chelsea Gabel

Dr. Chelsea Gabel, a PhD graduate from the Department of Political Science, won the Pedagogical Innovation Award given by McMaster Students Union in 2013. The award came as a recognition of Chelsea's

imaginative and effective approach in teaching a Political Science fourth-year level course on Special Topics in Canadian Politics.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW



Ritu Mathur

The Department is pleased to welcome SSHRC Banting post-doctoral fellow **Dr. Ritu Mathur**. She will be working with Dr. Marshall Beier on the issue of arms control and disarmament.

Dr. Mathur received her PhD degree from York University in 2013, and earlier served as a researcher at the York Centre for International and Security Studies.

FOCUS ON RESEARCH



Charlotte Yates

Dr. Charlotte Yates was awarded by Automotive Partnership Canada a \$2.1 million grant for research to study how and if government policy and intervention can increase growth and competitiveness

of the automotive manufacturing sector in Canada. Under her leadership, the project team consists of social scientists and engineers at McMaster and four other University institutions, as well as industry partners (Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada and the

Canadian Autoworkers Union). The research project aims to explore how, under the constraints of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the WTO, Canadian governments – municipal, provincial and federal – can use policy levers to increase automotive investment, innovation and growth. Some of the research projects currently under way include the development of a technology map for the Canadian automotive industry, evaluation of the impact of government incentives on automotive industry investment, the impact of environmental regulations and an assessment of policy tools used in other parts of the world. ■



FOCUS ON EVENTS

■ Graduate Student Conference

The second McMaster graduate student conference on the internationalization of public policy took place on January 28-29. Organised by a committee predominantly composed of graduate students, Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy², like its predecessor, was designed to bridge the gap between international relations and public policy, and between different disciplinary approaches to public policy. Co-sponsored by the department of Political Science, Institute for Globalization and the Human Condition, Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Globalization, the Global Health Program, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, Centre for Engineering and Public Policy and the Centre for Climate Change, the conference attracted over 100 registrants; 28 student papers from MA and PhD students (some involving multiple authors) from a variety of disciplines and institutions; 10 faculty discussants; and 4 guest speakers. The guest speakers focused on issues such as Community Engaged Research: Telling Truth to Power (John Shields, Ryerson University and Marjorie Griffin Cohen,



Graduate Student Conference

Simon Fraser University), The Water Crisis (Kerry Freek, editor of Water Magazine), and Global Health Governance (Kelley Lee, Simon Fraser University). Highlights of the conference for graduate student presenters included the detailed feedback received from faculty discussants, an appreciative and at times very vocal audience, and the chance to interact and network, both with their peers and with

the distinguished guest speakers and discussants.

Planning for the next conference Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy³ to be held January 27-28, is already underway and the call for papers will appear on the conference website in the early Fall at: <http://www.politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/globalization-conference>. ■

■ Political Science Graduate Day at Queen's Park

The third annual McMaster Political Science Graduate Student Day was held at Queen's Park on May 28th, 2013. The program was designed to connect our graduate students with alumni who work at Queen's Park and to facilitate an understanding of the Ontario Government and the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The discussion leaders outlined the many career activities at Queen's Park and provided the graduate students with practical advice on job hunting strategies.

At Queen's Park, the program was arranged by Emma Stanley-Cochrane, M.A. in Political Science (2008) and now Information & Research Coordinator in The Cabinet Office. Besides Emma, other McMaster Political Science Graduate alumni led the discussions. They included Alexander Bishop (2008) Executive Assistant to an Assistant Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance, Harry Malhi (2011) a Special Assistant in the Premier's Office, and Marianne Nikolic (1991) Senior IT Planning Advisor in the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Dr. Rob Leone, Member for Cambridge in the Legislative Assembly formally introduced the graduate students to the Assembly and later held a discussion meeting with the graduate students. Rob has both his Ph.D. and B.A. from our Department. A most important highlight was a discussion session with Mr. Peter Wallace, Secretary

of The Cabinet and Head of the Ontario Public Service. Before the graduate students' introduction in the House, they attended Question Period and later were taken on a tour of the Legislature Building. The Department looks forward to our graduates obtaining positions at Queen's Park and to our yearly Graduate Student Day. ■



Graduate Student Day at Queen's Park

■ FOCUS ON STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- **Amanda Coles** – Lecturer
Arts and Cultural Management,
School of Culture and Communication,
University of Melbourne
- **Chelsea Gabel** – Post-Doctoral Fellow
Department of Health, Aging and Society,
McMaster University
- **Mark S. Williams** – University-College Professor
Political Studies,
Vancouver Island University

■ FOCUS ON RETIRED FACULTY

Professor Emerita Janet Aizenstat has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on the nomination of the MacDonald Laurier Institute, for her body of work on Canada's founding and on parliament.

■ FOCUS ON STUDENT AWARDS

- **Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn**, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- **Caitlin Craven**, Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
- **Terry D'Andrea**, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- **Hubert Rioux Ouimet**, 2012 Prize for best M.A. Thesis, Institute de recherche en économie contemporaine (IRÉC), for his thesis, completed at UQAM, entitled *Le « lion celtique » : néolibéralisme, régionalisme et nationalisme économique en Écosse, 1979- 2012*
- **Meagan Kinsella**, Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
- **Sorin Mitrea**, Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
- **Andrea Rowe**, Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
- **Stephanie Tombari**, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

FOCUS ON PUBLICATIONS

Karen Bird

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Greg Flynn

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Peter Graefe

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Stephen McBride

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Peter Nyers

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Tony Porter

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Alina Sajed

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