

Political Science
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**ALUMNI
CONGRATULATIONS!**

To John M. Lawson (BA 1976 and MA 1984 in International Studies), President and CEO of the Association of Public Television Stations, recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Achievement Award.

To Fred Carter (MPA 1976, and Ph.D. 1979), President of Francis Marion University, and former Chief of Staff to Governor Mark Sanford, recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences 2006 Outstanding Graduate Alumnus Award.

To Katherine Doucett (MPA 1997) who was recently appointed as Lexington County Administrator. Having previously worked in Darlington County, she joined Lexington government in 1995, and became Personnel Director in 1997. She has taught as an adjunct in our MPA program (as has Fred Carter).

**FACULTY/
GRADUATE STUDENT
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Todd Shaw received the 2006 Faculty Service Award from the USC Black Faculty and Staff Association at their Annual Affirmative Action Awards Luncheon.

Julie Loggins was awarded this year's USC Education Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award for Graduate Assistants by the Graduate School.

**2005-06 UNDERGRADUATE
AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to everyone!!

The following undergraduate students from the Department of Political Science received awards at Awards Day on April 20, 2006.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Rotary International Cultural Scholar
Nicole Modeen

Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar
Amanda Seals

PHI BETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Freshman Scholar
Christen Green

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Elizabeth Bakanic
Breck Heidelberg
Allison Hicks
William R. Jones
Laura Lipinski
Felicia Pricenor
Rachel Spence
Marissa Vawter

Outstanding Senior Award

Ryan Holt
Marissa Vawter

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Rising Senior Award

Nikoletta Kroo, International Studies
Kathryn Miller, Political Science

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AWARDS

*Outstanding Senior in International Studies***Joseph Ferguson***Outstanding Senior in Political Science***Katie Day***Outstanding Junior in International Relations***Jesse Grainger***Outstanding Junior in Political Science***Christina Clodfelter****PUBLICATIONS**

Shahrough Akhavi's article, "Shi'ite Theories of Social Contract," will appear in the forthcoming volume, *Shari'a: Islamic Law in the Contemporary Context*, ed. Addas Amanat and Frank Grieffel (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), pp. 157-176.

Elisha Savchak, Thomas G. Hansford, Donald R. Songer, Kenneth Manning, and Robert Carp, "Taking it to the Next Level: The Elevation of District Court Judges to the U.S. Courts of Appeals," *American Journal of Political Science*, vol.50, no.2, 2006, pp. 478-493.

Steven A. Weldon, "The Institutional Context of Tolerance for Ethnic Minorities: A Comparative, Multilevel Analysis of Western Europe," *American Journal of Political Science*, vol.50, no.2, pp.331-349.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Todd Shaw presented a paper at the 37th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists entitled, "Mixed Income, Mixed Motives? Race and Public Housing Gentrification through the HOPE VI Program."

David Darmofal presented a paper at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association entitled, "Reexamining the System of 1896".

Jennifer Barnes (PS/Ph.D.) and Don Songer presented a paper at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association entitled, "Decision Making on the Courts of Appeals: Do Judges Have the Knowledge Assumed by Advocates of Strategic Models".

Rebecca Russ-Sellers and **Mark Tompkins,** presented a paper at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association entitled, "The Politics of Adoption: The Case of the Children's Health Insurance Program and the Limits of the Window Metaphor."

Zaryab Iqbal and Christopher Zorn presented their paper, "Civil War and Refugees in Post-Cold War Africa," at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 22-26, San Diego.

Zaryab Iqbal and Christopher Zorn presented their paper, "The Political Consequences of Assassinations," at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Katherine Barbieri presented papers entitled "Natural Resources and Civil War" with Rafael Reuveny (Indiana University) and "The Invisible Hand and the Visible First: Globalization and Human Rights" with Christian Davenport (University of Maryland) at the recent ISA meeting.

MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Walker Institute of International and Area Studies has received a grant of \$320,000 from the U.S. Department of State to offer a six-week intensive training institute on U.S. foreign policy this summer. Eighteen foreign academic specialists from 18 different countries will participate in the institute, which is directed by **Don Puchala and Jerel Rosati.** This will be the fifth year that the Walker Institute has received grants from the State Department for the summer institute.

Todd Shaw served as a Co-Chair of the Awards Committee and the Chair of the Black Politics Section of the 37th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA, March 22-26.

Mark Tompkins participated in a roundtable discussion of the Physical Activity Research Network at the International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health meetings in Atlanta on April 17th.

Don Songer was the discussant for the panel on "Compliance with Supreme Court Decisions" at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

David Darmofal was a discussant on a panel on "Getting out the Vote" at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Christopher Zorn chaired the panel on "Modeling and Measurement Issues in Judicial Politics" at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Christopher Zorn was an invited participant on the roundtable on "Perspectives on the Relationship between Political Science and Law & Society" at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Christopher Zorn has been appointed Chair of the Robert H. Durr Award Committee of the Midwest Political Science Association for the 2006-2007 year. The award is for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem in political science presented at the previous year's meeting.

Christopher Zorn chaired the panel on "Working Over Time: New Approaches to the Study of International Political Dynamics" at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 22-26, San Diego.

Zaryab Iqbal chaired the panel "Formal Models of International Politics," at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 22-26, San Diego, CA.

Zaryab Iqbal served as discussant on the panel, "The Impact of Regime Type on Regime Change," at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Zaryab Iqbal chaired the panel, "Realism's Ancient Roots and Modern Relevance," at the recent meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Zaryab Iqbal has been elected as an At-Large Member of the Women's Caucus of the International Studies Association for the 2006-2008 term.

Zaryab Iqbal has been elected to serve a three-year term (2006-2009) on the USC Faculty Welfare Committee.

Zaryab Iqbal has been accepted as a participant in the Annual Teachers' Workshop of the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies (SAIS—Johns Hopkins University).

The workshop will be held in June in Stowe, VT.

Katherine Barbieri was interviewed by several media outlets for her research on port security, terrorism, and trade, including Carolina News Services and Cyber News Service. She was a guest on Newswatch with David Stanton on March 12, 2006; and was featured as the "Business Star Profile" in the *Columbia Star* on March 16, 2006.

Katherine Barbieri chaired the panel on "The Status of Women in ISA." at the recent ISA meeting. This panel was part of a workshop that she organized on "Empowering Women in International Studies."

Katherine Barbieri was elected Communications Coordinator for the Women's Caucus of the International Studies Association.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Lucas McMillan (PS/PhD) presented a paper "Fueling Funding Dependency? Northern Governments, NGOs and Food Aid" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, held in San Diego, CA from March 22-25.

Kelly O'Reilly (PS/PhD) presented a paper "Why Can't We be Friends? The role of Cultural and Power Image Perceptions in Strategic Choice" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, held in San Diego, CA from March 22-25.

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