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**RECENT EVENTS**

Professor Craig Volden of The Ohio State University was the Department's guest for a January 19 Political Science Research Workshop. Professor Volden presented his research on "Failures: Diffusion, Learning, and Policy Abandonment."

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Dr. Steve Dillingham, who received his PhD in Political Science in 1987 has been appointed Associate Administrator and Director for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics in the Department of Transportation, Washington, DC. He is currently Chief Counsel to the Vice Chair of the US Merits Systems Protection Board.

**GRADUATE  
STUDENT NEWS**

**Jennifer Barnes** (PS Ph.D) and Christopher Zorn presented their paper "Influences on Decision Making in the Federal Judicial Hierarchy: Results from a Pilot Study" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans.

**FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

**Tod Shaw** edited a symposium in the *National Political Science Review* entitled, "The Expanding Boundaries of Black Politics." It has been published by Transactions Press.

**Gordon Smith's** book (co-edited with Professor Robert Sharlet), *Russia and Its Constitution:*

*Promise and Political Reality* has been accepted for publication by Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden, the Netherlands. Professor Smith is author of the introductory chapter, and two other chapters, entitled "The Procuracy: Constitutional Questions Deferred" and "Russia's Constitutional Project and Prospects for the Future." The book is part of the series "Law in Eastern Europe" published in cooperation with the University of Leiden. Publication is expected Summer 2007.

**Laura Woliver's** book review essay on three abortion politics books, appears in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. Vol. 32, No. 2, Winter, 2007: 549-554.

**Christopher Zorn's** article, "Judicial Tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1789-1868: Frustration, Resignation, and Expiration on -the Bench" (with Richard Vining and Susan Navarro Smelcher), appeared in the October issue of *Studies in American Political Development*.

**Christopher Zorn's** article "Setting A Judicial Agenda: The Decision To Grant En Banc Review In The U.S. Courts Of Appeals" (with Micheal Giles and Thomas Walker) appeared in the November 2006 issue of the *Journal of Politics*.

**Christopher Zorn's** article "The Etiology of Public Support for the Designated Hitter Rule" (with Jeff Gil) was accepted for publication in the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

**Christopher Zorn's** article "The Etiology of the Occurrence of En Banc Review in the U.S. Courts of Appeals" (with Micheal Giles, Virginia Hettinger, and Todd Peppers) was accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

**Zaryab Iqbal** and **Christopher Zorn's** article "Civil War Refugees in Post-Cold War Africa" was accepted for publication in *Civil Wars*.

### **FACULTY PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Betty Glad** presented a paper entitled "The Carter/Breezing Relationship: The Salt Negotiations" at The Carter Presidency Conference. University of Georgia, January 19-21.

**Betty Glad** participated in an Opening Plenary Roundtable, "Reassessing the Carter Presidency," at The Carter Presidency Conference. University of Georgia, January 19-21.

**Betty Glad** presented a talk entitled "Jimmy Carter's Religion: Political Ramifications" on January 10 at the Unitarian Church in Columbia.

**Zaryab Iqbal** has been appointed to a three-year term on the editorial board of the Journal of Politics.

**Zaryab Iqbal** served as chair and discussant on the panel, "Strategic Issues in US Foreign Policy," at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Todd Shaw** was a roundtable presenter at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association for the panel entitled, "Race, Migration, and the Southern University's contributions to the Study of Black Politics."

**Gordon Smith's** analysis of the issues facing Russia in 2007 appears online in the current International Affairs Forum of the Center for International Relations in Washington, DC at

The Center invited 15 specialists to address the most important issues facing 15 major nations in 2007, Gordon was asked to comment on Russia.

**Laura Woliver** presented a paper entitled "Grounded Feminism: Funding Abortions at the Grass Roots," with co-author Jessica E. Sowa (Cleveland State University) at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Laura Woliver** presented a paper entitled "Impact of the 1890 Disenfranchisement of African Americans on North Carolina Political Party Development" with co-authors Joseph F. Steelman (East Carolina University, Emeritus, History Department) and Lala Carr Steelman (USC Sociology Department).

**Laura Woliver** presented the Treasurer's Report for the Women's Caucus for Political Science South at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Laura Woliver** was appointed to and attended meetings of the Committee on the Status of GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgendered) Colleagues at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Laura Woliver** has been appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee for the APSA Organized Section on "Women and Politics."

**Christopher Zorn** and Jennifer Barnes (PS Ph.D) presented their paper “Influences on Decision Making in the Federal Judicial Hierarchy: Results from a Pilot Study” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Christopher Zorn** presented his paper (coauthored with Gregory Calderia) “Measuring Supreme Court Ideology” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

**Christopher Zorn** has been appointed to a three-year term on the editorial board of the Journal of Politics.

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