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Subject: UCLA Political Science Department News for Alumni and Friends

Dear UCLA Political Science Alumnus,

Welcome to the first edition of the UCLA Political Science Department electronic newsletter. I am happy to celebrate our department's achievements with you as well as share news and upcoming events and programs.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UCLA: NINE DECADES OF EXCELLENCE -- In 2006 the Department of Political Science celebrates eighty-six years of teaching, research and public service within a great state-supported university. Instruction in Political Science began on September 14, 1920 with a staff of one assistant professor, Dr. Charles E. Martin, offering three year-long courses (Comparative Government, U.S. Foreign Policy, and International Law).

Today the department is ranked among the best in the country. The most recent ranking by the highly respected National Research Council ranks us nationally in the top ten. Among the department's many strengths, we have gained notable distinction in political economy, comparative politics including the politics of developing nations, and political theory. Our department presently seeks to further strengthen its program by recruiting new faculty members in such vital areas as international relations and our newly created field of race and politics.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINE -- The department's greatest resource is its distinguished faculty. The faculty's leadership and research continue to put the program at the forefront of its field. In 2006 the department includes 50 faculty members, 8 emeritus professors, 16 visiting faculty, 38 teaching assistants and 13 support staff.

The department's primary goal remains focused on providing the best possible education for students seeking to develop an expertise in the field of political science by instilling solid skills in research and analytic reasoning.

More than 3,800 undergraduates from across UCLA have enrolled in 57 courses during the spring quarter, with almost 2,000 majors. This year 800 political science majors will receive their bachelor's degree. The political science graduate program remains one of the most envied in the country by both the academic and private sector. The program continues to direct students to research that is timely, practical and cutting-edge. Currently there are 184 graduate students working on advanced degrees in graduate courses, seminars, and individual study programs, with 14 students being awarded their doctorate degrees this past year.

I am looking forward to seeing you on campus at our events and lectures.

Sincerely,

Michael Lofchie

Political Science Department Chair, since 2000 Political Science Faculty, since 1964

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New Alumni Update Site

We have added a new Alumni update feature on the Political Science Web site. We invite you to insert or update your information at

<http://www.UCLAlumni.net/PoliSci?email=G6EM>; click on alumni update.

Public Lecture Series

The department offers a public lectures series during the academic year on Mondays from 12-1:30 p.m. A light lunch is provided. To find out more about the lectures being offered next fall visit our Web site at

<http://www.UCLAlumni.net/PoliSci?email=G6EM>; click on Public Lecture Speaker Series.

New Field of Race Ethnicity and Politics

A new field of Race, Ethnicity and Politics was added this year to the department, joining the fields of Political Theory, International Relations, American Politics, Comparative Politics and Methodology. Find out more at

<http://www.UCLAlumni.net/PoliSci?email=G6EM>; click on Race, Ethnicity and Politics.

New Faculty

Joshua Foa Dienstag joined the department in July 2005 in the field of Political Theory. Professor Dienstag was an Associate Professor from 1998 to 2005 at the University of Virginia. Dienstag received his Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University.

Robert F. Trager will be joining the department in the fall of 2006 in the field of International Relations. Professor Trager has held academic positions at Oxford University from 2005 to present and at Harvard University from 2004 to 2005. Trager did his graduate coursework at Columbia University.

Bollens-Ries-Hoffenberg Lecture

This fall we will host the next Bollens-Ries-Hoffenberg Lecture, an annual program that brings city, state and national leaders to campus for discussion of key issues of the day. This year's lecture and the topic will be posted on the department's Web site soon. Professor Emeritus Marvin Hoffenberg was honored this year by adding his name to the annual lecture for his many contributions to the department and UCLA. The aim of the lecture is to bring together the worlds of academic exploration and practical politics to illuminate discussion of the broader principles and ideas of representative government. Such a synthesis is true to the spirit of the lecture's namesakes, former distinguished professors in the Department of Political Science.

The 20th Anniversary lecture in 2005 featured former California Governors Jerry Brown, George Deukmejian and Gray Davis on the topic of "How Can California Government Meet the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century." To view photos of past lectures, see the lecture chronology or find out more about the lecture namesakes, visit the new Bollens-Ries-Hoffenberg Lecture Web site at <http://www.UCLAalumni.net/BRH?email=G6EM>.

Congressman Brad Sherman Undergraduate Scholarships

UCLA Alumna Lane Sherman made a \$25,000 pledge to create the annual Congressman Brad Sherman Political Science undergraduate scholarships named after her son, California's 27th District representative. Congressman Sherman received his BA from the department in 1974. Every year two undergraduate students receive \$2,500 scholarships. To view photos of last year's presentation ceremony and learn more, visit our Web site at <http://www.UCLAalumni.net/PoliSci?email=G6EM>; click on Undergraduate Scholarships.

Professor Anthony Pagden Wins 2006 Guggenheim Fellowship

Anthony Pagden, distinguished professor of political science, said his fellowship will allow him to complete a research project he began five years ago. He will be tracing the evolution and transformation of cosmopolitanism from the early 18th century to the present. Originating in ancient Greece, this social theory became a key movement in the Enlightenment.

"Cosmopolitanism is the belief that all peoples share a common human identity, and that all can or should belong to a world community, undivided by race, ethnicity or nationality or language," Pagden explained.

This year Pagden was one of four UCLA faculty members chosen from nearly 3,000 applicants in 78 different fields based on the recommendations of hundreds of expert advisers to the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation's Board of Trustees.