Notes From The Outgoing Chairman, James Warhola:

Greetings from the Department of Political Science, and thank you in advance for taking the time to peruse our Newsletter. We believe the Department is stronger than ever and poised to move forward to even higher levels of achievement by our students, faculty, and staff. Dr. Kristin Vekasi joined our faculty as of September 2014, and adds an important dimension to our program by virtue of her expertise and experience in Asia political affairs and international political economy. During the past year, the Department graduated 53 students with the POS major, and 13 in POS-related IA concentrations. Our faculty produced 3 books, 7 book chapters, 7 refereed articles, 8 reviews, and 15 conference presentations in academic year 2014-2015. Many of our alumni have gone on to law and graduate schools, to commissions in the officer corps of the US military, and numerous other endeavors. Many of our students this past year were significantly engaged in community-outreach activities, with many of such activities having been woven into the political science courses in which they were enrolled. Examples include Rob Glovers’ advanced course, ‘Practicum in Engaged Policy Studies’ and Amy Fried’s guidance of students providing Op-Ed articles published in the Bangor Daily News. Other major accomplishments during the past year include increased collaborative involvement with related units on campus including The Cohen Institute for Leadership and Public Service under the leadership of Dr. Richard Powell, Professor of Political Science; the School of Policy and International Affairs through cross-listed advanced courses in POS and SPIA; the Canadian-American Center, through the joint appointment and the work of Dr. Howard Cody; and in the work of Dr. Amy Fried with the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. With and through each of these operations, the Department of Political Science has been able to expand the range of its activities in all three areas of teaching, research, and service. Dr. Timothy Cole continues his outstanding service as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Department is also very pleased to announce the material realization of the Bequest of Dr. John M. Nickerson to the POS Department, the total value of which exceeds $2 million. This year the department worked with the Dean’s Office and the University of Maine Foundation to establish a formal selection process and specific criteria for the awarding of the Nickerson Scholarships, which we anticipate to amount to nearly $100,000 per year for select POS students. Part of the Nickerson
Bequest involved the creation of the Dr. John M. Nickerson Lounge on the second floor of North Stevens Hall, established in memory of Professor Nickerson’s parents.

The Department is also pleased to announce the establishment of the Online-Major in POS. It is now possible to fulfill the requirements for the POS major or minor entirely online, through the Division of Lifelong Learning. Credit for this achievement goes largely to Professor Mark Brewer who both shepherded the process of establishment and teaches a considerable number of POS course sections online. Thank you again for reading our 2015 POS Newsletter. As always, the Department is deeply grateful for the wonderfully effective and gracious services of our Administrative Assistant Ms. Deborah Grant. Finally, the Department wishes to acknowledge the 28 years of service on the faculty by Dr. Howard Cody who retires this summer; he has served as Professor of Political Science and also appointed to the Canadian-American Center on campus. We wish Professor Cody a long and happy retirement.

Professor Warhola did an excellent job describing the successes of the past year, so I will briefly focus on the year to come. We are looking forward to once again offering a diverse array of courses across the four subfields to political science, meeting the needs of our current and incoming students. We are particularly excited about our new online major, and will be working to grow this endeavor while at the same time maintaining the strength and vitality of our more traditional program of study. As always, we are exploring new ways of getting our students involved outside of campus, through both community engagement projects and internship opportunities. If you have an idea or opportunity that might fit here, please do not hesitate to contact us. Over the course of the next year we are particularly interested in cultivating and growing a sense of community among our students, past, present, and future. Please stay tuned for more information on these efforts. Finally, our faculty are engaged in a number of interesting and important research projects that you will hear about in future newsletters. Thanks again for taking some time out of your busy lives for us, and please contact us with any questions, professional updates, etc.

Notes From The Incoming Chair, Mark Brewer:
Welcome to the Summer 2015 POS Newsletter. I join Professor Warhola in thanking you for taking the time to catch up on the goings-on in the Department of Political Science, and hope you are all having an enjoyable start to your summer. I also want to thank Professor Warhola for his very successful leadership and guidance as Department Chair, and hope that I can adequately fill his shoes. The high caliber of my departmental colleagues gives me confidence that I can do so.
**Faculty News:**

**Amy Fried** won the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award in Service and Outreach.

**Rob Glover** has been named a finalist for the Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty, jointly awarded by the New England Resource Center for Higher Education and the Center for Engaged Democracy. This highly prestigious national award recognizes faculty in the early stages of their career who are innovators in sharing knowledge-generating tasks with the public and involving community partners and students as participants in public problem solving. The recipient will be announced in August 2015, and recognized at awards ceremonies in Boston and Omaha. Glover was also named one of the *Irish Echo’s* “Top 40 Under 40” for his innovative work engaging undergraduates in applied policy research with community partners. The award is given annually to Irish-Americans under 40 who have made a unique contribution to their communities and their professions. He was honored at a ceremony in New York City on February 27, 2015.

**Richard Powell** has recently been reappointed to a three-year term as Director of the William S. Cohen Institute for Leadership & Public Service.

**Stefano Tijerina** received the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) Research Fellowship, 2015 ($800).

**Faculty Publications:**


**Michael Palmer:** “*The Spartan Alcibiades: Brasidas and the Prospect of Regime Change in Sparta in*


Professional Conference Presentations: Members of the POS faculty presented over a dozen papers, invited lectures, and other professional presentations during the past academic year. These include Howard Cody’s “Prospects for Canada’s Fifth Party System,” presented to the Middle Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian Studies, Niagara Falls, Canada; Amy Fried’s “Government analysis of race and public opinion during World War II and the politics of the South and urban north” at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in August 2014; Robert Glover’s “Predictors of Support for Immigration Policies” at the Conference of the International Society for Political Psychology in Rome, Italy in July 2014; and several by Kristin Vekasi including “Japanese Multinationals and the Legacies of War in Asia,” “Firms in the Shadow of Political Uncertainty: Evidence from China and Japan,” and “Following the Money: Resource Nationalism in Rare Earth Commodity Markets.”

Commentary from the Director of the Cohen Institute for Leadership and Public Service, Dr. Richard Powell:

The Cohen Institute trains future leaders in a variety of disciplines to be ethical, visionary, innovative, civil, thoughtful and independent minded in the service of Maine, the United States, and the world. It emphasizes bringing together academic experts and civic leaders from diverse political backgrounds to forge informed consensus on a wide range of contemporary challenges, such as the health of our civic life, climate change, energy, aging, national security and international trade. The Institute has led the creation of UMaine’s new interdisciplinary minor in Leadership Studies.
During this past year, the Cohen Institute sponsored campus lectures from two former members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Mike Kopetski (D-OR) and Gil Gutknecht (R-MN), and Peter Madigan ’81. The Institute will be sponsoring numerous public events in the coming year, including the biennial Cohen Lecture which has brought to campus numerous high profile public servants, including Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen (1998), Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (2000), Senator John Glenn (2001), Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (2003), Journalist Dan Rather (2005), Journalist Bob Woodward (2007), U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder (2009), National Security Advisor James Jones, General (Ret.), USMC (2011), and, most recently, Senator Alan Simpson (2013).

The Cohen Institute was featured at a meeting in May of Washington Executive Club of the University of Maine. Professor James Warhola and Secretary Cohen led a discussion about current challenges facing the U.S. in world affairs for alumni and friends of UMaine.

In the past year, the Institute has also started publication of the Cohen Journal, featuring exemplary student research.

**Student News:**


**Outstanding Senior Awards** are presented annually to two graduating seniors with the highest grade point average within their discipline.

The recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award in International Affairs/Political Science for 2015 was Celina K. Bernhardt.

The recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award in Political Science for 2015 was Gareth P. Warr.

Cameron M. Huston, a senior in political science was the recipient of a research fellowship ($1000) from the University of Maine Center for Undergraduate Research for a project on restorative justice and the campus student misconduct process. He was also awarded an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity
Fellowship from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ($2011) and was the co-recipient Rendle A. Jones ’65 and Patricia K. Jones ’65 Honors Thesis Fellowship ($2400). Huston’s thesis was co-advised by Professor Rob Glover.

Jesse T. Clark (shown above with Gab Cheol Ji, and US Senator Angus King), a senior in political science was selected by the Department to attend the 66th Annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA) in West Point, New York, November 12-15, 2014. The theme of the conference was “What’s the Worst that Could Happen? The Politics and Policy of Crisis Management.” Each year the Political Science Department monetarily supports a student’s registration and travel fees to participate in the conference. Clark was also chosen to participate in the 2015 U.S. Congress – Korean National Assembly Exchange Program this summer, unique program designed to broaden the perspectives of Korean and American young people on the US-Korean political, social, economic, and security bilateral relationship.

Nine students conducted applied policy research with local municipal governments (the Town of Orono, and the City of Bangor) as part of Rob Glover’s year-long Practicum in Engaged Policy Studies. They conducted original policy research and crafted policy suggestions in partnership with local governments (examining demographic issues in Bangor, and student housing issues in Orono). Their research culminated with formal presentations of key findings and policy suggestions to the Bangor City Council and the Orono Town Council as well as community stakeholders.

Michele G. Girard, a graduating senior in political science was awarded a $10,000 “Projects for Peace” Grant from the Kathryn W. Davis Foundation. Michele’s project, co-proposed with fellow UMaine student Aoise Ryle, partnered with the non-profit Tree of Hope to improve water access in the community of Grand Goâve in Haiti.

Alumni News
In February, we were joined by UMaine Political Science Alumnus James Tierney ’69. Tierney served as the Maine Attorney General from 1981-1990 and is currently on the faculty of both Harvard and Columbia Law Schools. He visited classes, spoke with students considering law school, and gave a talk entitled “Race and American Justice,” co-sponsored with the UMaine Honors College.

The Peter T. Madigan Congressional Internship Program at the University of Maine.
Each fall semester several students are chosen from a pool of applicants to serve as Congressional Interns in Washington, D.C. for the entire spring semester. The interns for spring 2015 are: Jesse T. Clark, Avery W. Cole, Margaret C. Howson, Abigail A. MacDonald.
A Final Note from Professor Howard Cody upon his Retirement

My twenty-eight years of service in the Political Science Department has been a privilege and a pleasure. Our Department provides a supportive and rewarding work environment. Faculty members enjoy strong collegiality and wide latitude to advance our research programs and honor our teaching preferences. We also forge productive relationships with our students. Our Administrative Assistant, Debbie Grant, contributes greatly to Political Science’s smooth operation and collaborative atmosphere. The Department unfailingly encourages and helps fund faculty research. I am grateful for the opportunity to conduct research in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and especially in Canada to further my productivity and professional reputation as a specialist on Canada’s politics in a comparative context. Few POS faculty members leave after a short time: decades-long service is our Department’s norm. Even so, the gradual but seemingly relentless attrition of tenure-track faculty has affected our Department like so many others. I acknowledge with chagrin that my retirement will aggravate the situation and increase my colleagues’ workloads. Let us hope that my position will be filled soon.

-Professor Howard Cody

The University of Maine’s Annual Fund is a comprehensive fundraising initiative designed to enhance academic, student, faculty and cultural programs.

The main priority for the Department of Political Science this year is to further strengthen our academic program by adding a new faculty member in International Relations, reconfiguring the International Affairs Program, developing a closer relation with the School of Policy and International Affairs, and being centrally involved in the development of the University of Maine’s prospective Institute for Leadership and Democracy.

The objective is to ensure there are funds available to allow us to respond quickly and appropriately to the areas of greatest need within the program.

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