Greetings from ten Hoor Hall on the campus of the University of Alabama! I am completing my first year as Chair of the Department of Political Science. Thanks to the efforts of faculty, staff, and students, it has been a very successful year. Among the highlights:

- We sent more than 30 students on study abroad trips to Germany, Brussels, and Sweden in summer 2016, and we are adding a program to Jamaica in 2017.
- The Department continues to offer many ways for ambitious students to enrich their educations. Thirty-eight students enrolled in internships during 2016-2017, and 23 more worked individually with faculty members in directed research. At least two undergraduates presented their research at major disciplinary conferences.
- The UA Mock Trial Team, which is based in the Department of Political Science, won a major regional tournament and organized the first annual Crimson Classic Mock Trial Tournament at UA.
- Professor George Hawley, the only member of the Department to correctly predict that Donald Trump would win the Presidency, was interviewed by press on three continents for his recent book, Right-Wing Critics of American Conservatism. George has two more books in press right now.
- Our enrollment continues to grow. We now have nearly 1,200 Political Science and International Studies majors, a 17 percent increase over last year!
- Our faculty continue to build national and international reputations for scholarship. We produced 31 peer-reviewed articles and four books. This is a record for the Department, and there is much more on the way!
- Last summer we added four new faculty members, about whom you can read more on page 3.

Through teaching, service, and scholarship, the Department is developing the reputation of the University and changing the lives of students.

—Joseph L. Smith, PhD

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Mock Trial Team Wins at Mid-South Invitational

Over the Veterans Day weekend, the University of Alabama Mock Trial team competed in, and won, one of the largest collegiate Mock Trial tournaments in the country, the Mid-South Invitational. This tournament had 31 universities and over 50 teams compete in it, which included traditional Mock Trial powerhouse like Rhodes College, Florida State University, and Vanderbilt University. Mock Trial simulates a trial, and requires its participants to not only learn the facts of the case, but craft legal arguments and theories to best present those facts. Participants present opening and closing statements, examine friendly witnesses from their team on direct examination, cross-examine hostile witnesses from other universities, and learn and practice evidentiary procedure.

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George Hawley published a new book on the American Conservative Movement, titled Right-Wing Critics of the American Conservative Movement. The book is published by the University Press of Kansas and is now available. A brief summary of the book from the publisher is given below.

“The American conservative movement as we know it faces an existential crisis as the nation’s demographics shift away from its core constituents—older white middle-class Christians. It is the American conservatism that we don’t know that concerns George Hawley in this book. During its ascendancy, leaders within the conservative establishment have energetically policed the movement’s boundaries, effectively keeping alternative versions of conservatism out of view. Returning those neglected voices to the story, Right-Wing Critics of American Conservatism offers a more complete, complex, and nuanced account of the American right in all its dissonance in history and in our day.

“The right-wing intellectual movements considered here differ both from mainstream conservatism and from each other when it comes to fundamental premises, such as the value of equality, the proper role of the state, the importance of free markets, the place of religion in politics, and attitudes toward race. In clear and dispassionate terms, Hawley examines locals who exhibit equal skepticism toward big business and big government, paleoconservatives who look to the distant past for guidance and wish to turn back the clock, radical libertarians who are not content to be junior partners in the conservative movement, and various strains of white supremacy and the radical right in America.”

Professor Norman Baldwin to Retire after 29 Years at UA

Professor Norman Baldwin will retire at the end of summer 2017 after 29 years in the Department. This is a tremendous loss for the Department. For nearly three decades Professor Baldwin has been a central member of the Department, College, University, and community. He has been deeply involved in the life and culture of the University, and has been awarded nearly every university award for which faculty are eligible, including both of the University’s Premier Awards. He was a finalist for the Last Lecture series. He consistently publishes his research in journals read by his scholarly community, and this year published his first scholarly book. His graduate courses form the core of our MPA program, and his undergraduate courses often lead students to enter the MPA program. Professor Baldwin casts a long shadow in our Department and in the University, and he will be impossible to replace. Among Professor Baldwin’s major accomplishments:

• He published two books and 34 scholarly articles and book chapters on a variety of subjects in the field of public administration, including multiple articles investigating the effects of race and gender on promotion in the military, similarities and differences between the public and private sectors, administration of MPA programs, whistle-blowing in public agencies, and determinants of state economic development.
• In the aftermath of the April 27, 2011 tornado in Tuscaloosa, he founded the Tornado Disaster Relief Internship Program, which placed more than 155 students in the interns and 60 more students in part-time positions helping to rebuild Tuscaloosa and serve tornado victims. The free labor generated by the program estimated to be a gift of $250,000 to the relief effort and the program won UA’s Service Project of the Year Award.
• His awards include the Outstanding Commitment to Students Award from the College of Arts and Sciences; Service Project of the Year Award, a University-wide award for the work of the Disaster Relief Internship Program; the Buford Peace Award, for demonstrating “exceptional peace”; the Morris L. Mayer Award for service and leadership; and the Algernon Sullivan Sydney Award for leadership, scholarship, and service.
• His leadership roles in the College and University include: Leader of the University Task Force for the Excellence in Equity, Inclusion, and Citizenship, which addressed nationally recognized problems with the University’s Greek System; Co-Chair, Diversity Subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Council, charged with developing diversity-related recommendations for the campus strategic plan; President of the Faculty Senate (2001-2002), and many other leadership positions.
• He was Director of the Department’s Master of Public Administration program for 25 years, director of both graduate and undergraduate programs, chaired 16 successful dissertation committees, and lead numerous other committees and initiatives in the department.

Professor Baldwin’s legacy reveals his remarkable commitment, energy, and capacity in scholarship, teaching, service, and all the accomplishments the produced. He leaves an extremely large void in the Department. We will miss him.
Meet the Newest Political Science Faculty

Dina Bishara received her PhD from George Washington University in 2013. She studies comparative politics, especially the Middle East. Her research focus is social and protest movements in authoritarian regimes. She comes to us after post-doctoral fellowships at Oxford and Harvard universities, respectively. Her book, *Contesting Authoritarianism: Labor Challenges to the State in Egypt* is currently under contract with Cambridge University Press. Professor Bishara teaches courses in authoritarianism and Middle East politics.

Hyunjung Ji received her PhD in Public Administration and Policy in 2016 from Arizona State University. Her areas of expertise include environmental policy in both public and private organizations, in particular urban sustainability, corporate sustainability and community resilience. She is affiliated as a research fellow with the Center for Organizational Research and Design at Arizona State University. Prior to gaining her PhD, Professor Ji earned a BA in public administration and an MPA from Konkuk University in South Korea. She has also worked as a policy analyst for the Korean National Assembly. Professor Ji teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Environmental Policy, Sustainable Policies, State and Local Government, and Advanced Statistical Analysis.

Allen Linken earned his PhD in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst. Before that, he earned a JD from Albany Law School and a Master of Public Policy from the University at Albany (both in 2005). After his JD/MPP, Professor Linken joined the United States Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, where he served in a variety of roles in the U.S., and worked in Detention Operations while in Iraq and with the International Committee of the Red Cross while in Guantanamo Bay. In these roles, he focused on building the rule of law and upholding international law, respectively. Professor Linken’s research and teaching interests are in public law, judicial behavior, and civil-military relations. He leads our very successful Mock Trial team and teaches courses in Constitutional Law, Law and Politics, and Judicial Process. Outside of academia, Professor Linken has run nine marathons.

Holger Albrecht earned his master’s degree at Tübingen University (Germany) in 2001 and his doctorate from the same university in 2009. Since fall 2014 he has been Associate Professor of Political Science (tenured) at American University in Cairo, has been a Research Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University since 2015. Professor Albrecht’s areas of expertise include the politics of the Middle East, civil-military relations, and several areas of international relations. He has written or edited three scholarly books, including *Raging Against the Machine: Political Opposition under Authoritarianism in Egypt*. Professor Albrecht brings significant new expertise and augments existing departmental strengths. In terms of both research and teaching, he enhances a current departmental strength in the study of the politics of the Middle East. Along with Professor Daniel Levine, Professor Dina Bishara and Professor Karl DeRouen, Professor Albrecht will form a critical mass of experts on that region.
Student Awards

POLITICAL SCIENCE SENIOR RECIEVES RESEARCH AWARD

Political Science major Rachael Nowack has been chosen to receive the Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award for her research on the role of gender in political campaigns. The Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Program recognizes and celebrates the best research activity conducted by undergraduate students at The University of Alabama. Award recipients are selected by a distinguished panel of UA research faculty and past winners of the Burnum Distinguished Faculty Award. The recipients and their nominators are recognized at a luncheon in their honor during The University of Alabama Honors Week. The title of Rachael’s project is “Voters’ Perceptions of the Qualifications of Female Candidates” and is supervised by her faculty mentor, Dr. Nichole Bauer. Rachael will be presenting her research at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in April. This conference is one of the largest and most important political science conferences in the United States.

POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS STUDENTS

Lillian Roth received the William P. Bloom Scholarship Award. This award honors students who have improved relations among different groups. Recipients are chosen primarily for improving understanding and supporting interaction among groups for a common cause. “Champions Don’t Hate” became the watch cry for the campus recently thanks to the efforts of Lillian Roth, who served as Student Government Association president in 2016-2017. Roth and her communications team in SGA launched a campaign to tone down the discourse over protests and issues on the UA campus – bringing spirit and civility to the campus.

Faulkner Hereford received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. This award honors one man and one woman of this academic year’s graduating class. The recipients of this award have demonstrated the highest standards of scholarship, leadership and service. Faulkner Hereford took his service to UA and the state up a notch. As a University Fellow, Hereford traveled to Marion for a series of Black Belt Experience service projects at the end of his freshman year. He didn’t settle for doing what was expected – he ended up exploring poverty in the area and making a documentary film about it.

Charlotte Watters received the John F. Ramsey Award. This award honors students with broad humanistic interest who have exerted a positive influence on his or her contemporaries. A passion for history infuses Charlotte Watters’ studies at UA. For Watters, a history and political science major, history is a living, vibrant area offering a wealth of intellectual opportunity. “History is akin to studying a series of winding highway overpasses,” Watters said. “Put your finger on a map, and follow a road. Inevitably, you end mixed up in a series of exits and on-ramps and intersections, all with their own independent piece of the puzzle, but more interesting and significant when assembled together. Simply put: it is impossible to see where you are going without seeing where you came from.”

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Walter Hartwell Bennett Scholarship:
Isabelle Beauregard
Buford Boone Memorial Scholarship:
Ciara L. Malaugh
Samuel F. Clabaugh Scholarship:
Sierra C. Stockley
Daniel W. Pound Memorial Scholarship:
Ellery Gerwig
Lex Arden Fikes Award:
Matthew Reid Krell
Alumni Spotlight

ALUMNUS BIKES FOR BETTER HOUSING

Alumnus Henry Downes didn’t take the traditional path after graduation. He took the bike path.

Though Downes double-majored in political science and economics, he became a full-time Bike Adventure trip leader after graduation, working for the Fuller Center for Housing, a nonprofit organization in Americus, Georgia, that helps to eliminate poverty housing by working with individuals and communities to build and renovate houses for people in need. Each year, the Fuller Center hosts various cross-country Bike Adventure trips to raise money and awareness for their program. By having each rider raise about $1 per mile they ride, the Bike Adventure has raised over $1.6 million to help the Fuller Center Build homes domestically and abroad since 2008.

Each rider typically raises around $4,000, which can be enough to rehabilitate a home in the U.S. or build a home abroad. Downes initially became interested in the ture trips in 2015 after his friend Ciment added a third ride for summer 2017 as well as a 5K run. This year there will be one cross-country ride, one East Coast ride, and one West Coast ride. They hope the rides will raise $400,000 for the Fuller Center this year.

Though Downes and Ciment agree that the rides get difficult, they say they wouldn’t want to be doing anything else.

“I had never really ridden my bike more than 15 miles at a time,” Downes said. “On the ride, the riders become a very close knit community. You put the team first and realize the ride isn’t a race; it isn’t how fast you can get through the day; it’s about spending quality moments with the team.”

Political Science News

UA MOCK TRIAL TEAM SETS SCHOOL RECORDS

Despite a school record-setting performance, the UA Mock Trial team fell just short of advancing at the American Mock Trial Association Opening Round Championship in Memphis, Tennessee March 19-20. Rhodes College hosted the three day event, which comprised four rounds of competition against teams that all finished in the top 6 of regional tournaments, as a precondition of entry into this tournament. According to the team’s coach and Political Science instructor Allen Linken, “The team showed amazing resolve, dedication, and resilience, in addition to tremendous advocacy skills and preparation.”

UA’s team set program records for number of ballots won (4.5 ballots, finishing with a record of 4-3-1) and rank in the tournament (finishing 7th out of 24). The team fell just one point short on their final ballot from advancing (for the first time ever) to the National Championship Tournament in Greenville, South Carolina in May. UA’s team endured through an extremely tough strength of schedule at the tournament. The teams that Alabama faced had a combined total of 22 wins – no other team faced competition that had more than 19. The team split ballots (won one, lost one) against one of the toughest teams and programs in the country, perennial powerhouse Rhodes College. They also won both ballots against another powerhouse from Texas, and took 1.5 ballots (won one, tied one) against the 47th ranked team in the country, Indiana’s A team. One of UA’s attorneys, Amber Scales, was recognized as an outstanding attorney at the tournament. The UA team advanced to this level of the competition based on their top-6 finish at the Jackson, Mississippi Regional Tournament in February.
**Professor George Hawley Named Departmental Election Champion**

The polls might’ve struck out on the 2016 presidential election, but at least one Alabama political science professor was almost 100 percent correct in guessing the outcome. George Hawley, an assistant professor of political science at The University of Alabama, guessed 48 states correctly during a prediction of the election’s outcome. Hawley was the only one of 22 faculty and graduate students within the Department of Political Science to guess a win for President-elect Donald Trump. Everyone else predicted a victory for Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"People thought it was an unlikely scenario," Hawley said about Trump winning. "I wasn't dead certain it would be the case, either. But I've been making this point since my second book came out that if the Republican Party has a future, it lies in the upper Midwest. That may end up being the case."

Said Richard Fording, chairman of the department: "He saw this coming whereas none of us else did." The department’s predictions were twofold: Each predictor guessed which states would go to either Clinton or Trump, and who would win the overall popular vote. Hawley said he predicted a 50/50 split in the popular vote, which is close—Clinton leads slightly.

"I thought it would be closer than it was in the Electoral College," said Hawley, referring to Trump’s 279-228 Electoral College victory over Clinton. "I thought Trump would pull it off, but I didn't think I'd go to bed thinking I'd know who would win. It turned out he did better than I anticipated."

Hawley missed only on two states—New Hampshire and Michigan. Trump won Michigan with 47.6-47.3 percent differential, a stunner in a Democrat-leaning state that overwhelmingly supported Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012.

"I thought (Trump) would do well there, and outperform previous Republicans, but I didn't think he'd turn out enough people," said Hawley. "Turns out, I was mistaken."

New Hampshire was a slight Clinton win.

"I thought there was evidence it would lean more red than it did," Hawley said. North Carolina and Florida, also both swing states, went with Trump. That was no surprise to Hawley.

"The fact (Republican Mitt) Romney was able to win North Carolina (in 2012) indicated to me that it was probably not going to swing back into the blue camp," said Hawley. "Florida, I thought, was going to be a lot closer than a lot of people thought because of what I perceived to be an enthusiasm gap between the two candidates."

Hawley said he’s not prepared to tilt his research toward political predictions and polling. He joined the department in 2013, and has written several books including one released in February entitled *Conservatism* which focuses on the history of the American right since 1945.

**PSC Hosts College Democrats & Young Conservatives of America Debate**

"Bama Beef” was hosted by the Department where students were able to debate on hot topics such as gun control, income inequality, minimum wage, health care, and much more. The student body responded well to this event and thought it provided a great and healthy debate environment. “Everything debated was done in a heated but civil way. Everyone really had a nice time hearing one another’s side and discussing these hot button issues.” said Heather Turner, a Political Science major.
In honor of Marilyn Williams Elmore and her husband John Durr Elmore, The University of Alabama Board of Trustees recently approved the establishment of The Marilyn Williams Elmore and John Durr Elmore Endowed Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professorship, which is funded by the couple’s estate gift in excess of $300,000, provides stipends to recruit nationally and internationally distinguished teacher-scholars as well as to ensure the retention of mid-career faculty whose teaching and research skills are fully developed. The first three Elmore professorships were awarded Nov. 10 to Dr. Kim Caldwell, professor of biological sciences; Cornelius Carter, professor and director of dance; and Dr. Richard Fording, professor of political science. The professors represent each of the College’s three divisions, and each will receive $5,000 annually for three years to support their research. “This gift helps to enhance and perpetuate the quality of our faculty and their research,” said Dr. Robert Olin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “We are honored by the Elmores’ generosity and are grateful to have such wonderful alumni who seek to give back to their alma mater.”

Fording says his stipend will be used to research and write a book on the political mobilization that culminated in the election of Donald Trump.

In addition, our very own Professor Norman Baldwin won the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. This award recipients for demonstrating the highest standards of scholarship, leadership, and service. Dr. J. Norman Baldwin has been a faculty member at UA since 1988. His service projects at UA include acting as facilitator (chairman) for the Task Force for Excellence in Equity, Inclusion and Citizenship since 2013 and founding the Tornado Disaster Relief Internship Program, which placed more than 155 students in internships and 60 more students in part-time positions helping to rebuild Tuscaloosa and serve tornado victims. The free labor generated by the program is estimated to be a gift of $250,000 to the relief effort, and the program won UA’s Service Project of the Year Award. He has served in the past as director of the master’s in Public Administration program, and among his service projects with his students was a 61-page document that explored problems and solutions related to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort – during which UA provided temporary shelter for victims and provided ideas in case UA had to provide shelter again.

In competitive invitational tournaments prior to competing in regional elimination tournaments, and then the Opening Round Championship, another elimination tournament, and then, finally, the National Championship. After two days and four challenging competition rounds against some of the best teams and universities in the country, The University of Alabama teams did exceptionally well, earning a tie for 5th in one division, and earning 1st place in another division and 1st place overall at the tournament. Judges and coaches were consistently remarking on the level or preparation and advocacy of the teams, from their knowledge of the rules of evidence, to their mastery of the case facts, to the high-level of their arguments. In addition to winning the tournament, individual students were also recognized for their performances, with Andrew Belt, Norris Davis, and Aly Laroche earning Best Witness awards, and Noah Caldwell, Lauren Crawford, Read Mills, and Chance Sturup earning Best Attorney awards.
Scholarships Matter: Nina Witman

Scholarships Matter is a series of stories highlighting students in the College of Arts and Sciences who have received and been impacted by scholarships. The student featured in this story is the recipient of one scholarship from the College of Communication and Information Sciences and two scholarships from the College of Arts and Sciences—the Outstanding Sophomore Award and the Samuel Clabaugh Scholarship. Scholarships like these are made possible by generous support from our alumni and friends.

Junior Nina Witman began attending The University of Alabama as an out-of-state student with no financial aid. At first, Witman said it was not a big issue, but slowly the focus went from doing her school work to being able to afford school.

After talking to some of her Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters, she was made aware of scholarships offered to students like her, majoring in political science and communication studies, and she immediately looked into it. After a visit with the College of Arts and Sciences scholarships coordinator, Witman filled out a few scholarship applications.

She was granted the Outstanding Sophomore Award, as well as the Samuel Clabaugh Scholarship from the Department of Political Science and the Capstone Communication Society Memorial Endowed Scholarship from the College of Communication and Information Sciences, and said she likes knowing she can devote her time to her studies rather than stressing over financial situations, but the scholarships don’t completely cover all over her tuition costs.

“It was certainly gratifying to know I was able to earn something that was recognizing my accomplishments,” Witman said. “My mom is a single parent, and it was helpful to know I was taking a certain burden off her, too.”

In earning scholarships, Witman was able to lift a little stress off herself and fill her spare time with on-campus involvement. She is a Capstone Woman, Vice President of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Alpha Kappa Psi brother, a former member of Freshman Forum, and a volunteer at the RISE Center and Habitat for Humanity. She also earned a 4.0 GPA last semester.

“It’s just important to realize a $500 scholarship for books or a $2,000 scholarship for tuition can make a big difference,” Witman said. “Being able to focus on academics rather than finances is what makes a 3.8 GPA student a 4.0 GPA student.”

Witman has a specific goal in mind as she wracks up extra-curricular activities and works to keep her grades up. She is scheduled to take the Law School Admissions Test in June, and hopes to attend law school, possibly at UA. She hopes to one day be able to support the University the way donors do now and help students the way she was helped.

“We have some incredible students at this school,” Witman said. “Obviously recognizing those achievements is important, but I think being able to fund the academic dreams of those who might not have been able to attend UA otherwise is absolutely invaluable.”

The Outstanding Sophomore Award is given by the College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Board, a group of 200 alumni and friends of the College. The scholarship is awarded to deserving full-time sophomores who have outstanding academic and co-curricular accomplishments, uncommon maturity, and an exemplary determination to finish their university education.

The Samuel F. Clabaugh Scholarship is awarded to a political science major in his or her sophomore year, and the stipend is paid in their junior year. The recipient is selected partly on financial need as well as academic merit.
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Please be sure to check out our newly updated website, https://psc.ua.edu. You’ll notice several new features, such as a more user-friendly calendar. You will be able to keep up with upcoming guest speakers and all other events in Political Science. We have also updated the appointment section of our website. Also, it is fully mobile optimized! So feel free to check it out on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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