



From The Chair: Toni Marzotto



TOWSON UNIVERSITY

POLITICAL SCIENCE
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NEWSLETTER

We have come a long way since last August. I thank you all for your patience and support. It has been a busy year; we have accomplished much. But what is that old saying – there is still much to do. Thank you, Jim, for being my 911 throughout the year including your sabbatical. Carol is still missed, but we are fortunate to have someone as capable and skilled as Phyllis. The faculty’s individual growth and achievements are reflected in subsequent pages; they speak volumes about the strength of our department.

Where we are going:

Program Review: Based on this document we will be initiating a review and possible realignment of POSC 301 with our upper level courses as well as our capstone seminars. Jim Roberts will be in charge of this endeavor. Martha Kumar has also expressed an interest in reviewing our senior seminars. A reassessment of our expectations for these upper level courses comes at a time when all of the university offerings are or will be reviewed as we move to a new Core curriculum. The creation of an assistant chair was mentioned in both the 2003 and 2010 review. What about it? There might not be any monetary benefits for the position, but identifying someone who would be interested in developing curriculum both for the undergraduate major and the prospective master’s degree might be a good idea. Also, the job comes with choice real estate.

New Major Requirements: We launched our new major requirements last year. Everything seems to be going well for most of our students. We have been offering four seminars a semester and all are filled (O.K. some overfilled). It has been hard to offer a seminar in comparative government since we are down one position in this area. Eventually, I hope, we will get a new position to fill this much needed area. We were successful in converting 7 new and existing special topic courses to regular offerings. Since we now limit the number of special topics students can take for the major, converting frequently taught special topic courses should be considered.



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From the Chair ... continued

Trimester: The Summer 2010 pilot program was a success. We taught 8 courses including POSC 301 our required research methods. We had about 180 students including a number of seniors for whom the summer courses enabled them to graduate. Our own trimester survey revealed that for our majors, upper level courses were a draw especially research methods. If we are able to identify courses that will be taught in Summer 2011 early, we may be able to attract more majors during the advising sessions. One of the great advantages of our participation in the pilot was having a dedicated graduate research assistant. It really made me realize how important it is to have someone who knows how to do research. I am seriously considering taking up a collection and have POSC adopt a graduate student to support our research activities. I was amazed at how efficient Desiree Sida was at locating materials. I will begin working on our proposal for the 2011 Trimester very soon. The additional funding was put to good use.

Core Curriculum: As of this writing the new Core Curriculum (revised GenEds) is scheduled to roll out Sept 2011. All of our existing POSC Gen Ed courses except the 2nd writing course have been certified as going into different categories of the new Core. The new Core does not have a using information effectively course, so POSC 100 will not be offered after a few years. Some of you are developing proposals for the Towson Seminar, while others are revising existing courses to fit into the new curriculum. Until the entire Core is rolled out, it will be difficult to know if some of our lower level courses overlap and run into each other. Despite the increase in transfer students coming to Towson, the demand for our lower level prerequisites is still high. My theory that most transfer students would have completed lower level POSC courses was not supported. Most of the POSC transfers from community colleges this summer have one lower level course only. Very few transfer into Towson with two courses. So don't throw away your intro notes.

University Distinguished Scholar: Joe Curran will be Towson's distinguished scholar for a second year. This year we are planning a little different venue. We will be doing a university lecture on Wednesday, November 10th tentatively entitled: The Future of Maryland: Post Election Prognostication. Then a series of 4 college based lectures linked with a class. Some of these will be in the evening and some in late afternoon. In February we are thinking of something for Black History Month that focuses on Maryland during the civil rights area. The School of Education is interested in a presentation/panel on the legal issues in the K-12 setting and/or something on child predators and the impact of this issue across colleges and professions. Joe and I talked about doing something with the College of Health Professions on the tobacco settlement and how the money was used. We might tie this in with TUs smoke free campus and health issue related to smoking. Joe would probably still be available to do a class lecture in our upper level courses. Ideas or expansions welcomed.

I did not visit any exotic places this summer, I spent my summer break in New York's Museum of Modern History in the Egyptian collection. My commute from Silver Spring this summer was enlightened by Prof. Bob Brier and his 48 taped lectures on the History of Ancient Egypt. Too bad I went to Egypt last year; but now I really understand the middle kingdom. From his first lecture, "The goal of the archeologist is to make the dead come alive, not to put the living to sleep." This sort of fits a few other disciplines too. I am putting the final touches on my proposal for a Towson Seminar – the machine that changed the world: auto mobility in an age of scarcity; I presented a paper in April at the ASPA conference on my stem cell framing research. I will be giving a paper in October also on the politics of stem cell research. This year I hope to revise these papers and continue my research on this topic.

I wish you all a great academic year.

Toni

Liberal Arts Building



The new building is on schedule, and the move will take place after the Spring Semester 2011. We will be located on the third floor in Building B. Our main office will be sharing a suite, along with Women's Studies, and Soci/Anth/Crmj. We will need to decide over the course of the next semester how offices (remember some are inside offices) will be allocated. The adjunct faculty will be in a large office with many workspaces. There is one mailroom for the three departments to share, with one high speed copier in it. We will keep the printers we currently have, and will try to place them in a workable area.

Now is the time to start going through your offices, all the personal odds and ends, sort through your files to weed out exactly what you will bring to your new office, and taking home the old relics you still have laying around, remember the new offices are compact. The Dean will have a shredding area set up, but you will need to pack up your own office.

New Course Approvals for Spring 2011

- POSC 304 [504] Politics of Metropolitan Growth and Change
- POSC 329 [529] The Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism
- POSC 334 [534] Governments and Politics of East Asia
- POSC 343 [543] African American Politics
- POSC 447 [547] International Law and Organization
- POSC 449 [549] U.S. Homeland Security Policy
- POSC 453 [543] Intelligence and National Security

Effective Spring 2011

Furlough Schedule—OUCH!

<u>Allocation of Furlough Days/ Hours</u>	Annualized Salary on or Before 8/24/10	Number of Day/s	Number of Hours X FTE (Full Time Equivalency)
Allocation of Administrative Furlough Leave Day/s for Regular Faculty and Staff,	0 - \$24,999	1	8 x FTE
	\$25,000 - \$29,999	2	16 x FTE
	\$30,000 - \$39,999	3	24 x FTE
	\$40,000 - \$59,999	4	32 x FTE
Designated Administrative Furlough Leave Days:	\$60,000 - \$79,999	5	40 x FTE
November 24, 2010	\$80,000 - \$99,999	6	48 x FTE
December 22, 2010	\$100,000 - \$129,999	7	56 x FTE
March 21, 2011	\$130,000 - \$149,999	8	64 x FTE
	\$150,000 - \$179,999	9	72 x FTE
	\$180,000 and Above	10	80 x FTE

Faculty News

Cindy Cates

Cindy Cates spent the 2009-2010 academic year continuing work on the NSF-funded *Digital Docket: Applying Computational Linguistics to the Study of Law and Courts*. In September, she presented a paper on “Multiparty Litigation in the U.S. and Canada: A Comparison of Mass Tort Politics in Two Common Law Federal Systems” at the APSA Conference in Toronto. She is currently working on revisions to a *Publius* article on the same subject. Cindy spent the last week of July in the spectacular north central part of New Mexico marveling at the ingenuity of the ancient cave dwellers and realizing that if early human invention, creativity, and hard work had been left to her mankind would have died out thousands of years ago.



Jim Roberts

Jim Roberts, 2009-2010 was a year of transition. He truly enjoyed returning to the faculty after nine years of being the chairman! Even so, he could not get completely away from his activities with the administration. At President Caret’s request he arranged the activities of TU Visiting Scholar, Joseph Curran, Jr., including two public forums. He moderated a debate between candidates for Baltimore County Council.

Jim also worked with Student Affairs and Facilities Management to design and build the “Freedom Square” that will open this fall. Freedom Square is a redesign of the plaza between the Lecture Hall, Psychology Building, and Hawkins Hall to create an outdoor space for public discourse. Based on “Democracy Plaza” at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), Freedom Square will have permanently installed chalkboards for ongoing discussion of current issues and a central plaza for outdoor meetings. It will be managed by student groups and will be dedicated on Friday, September 17, Constitution Day.



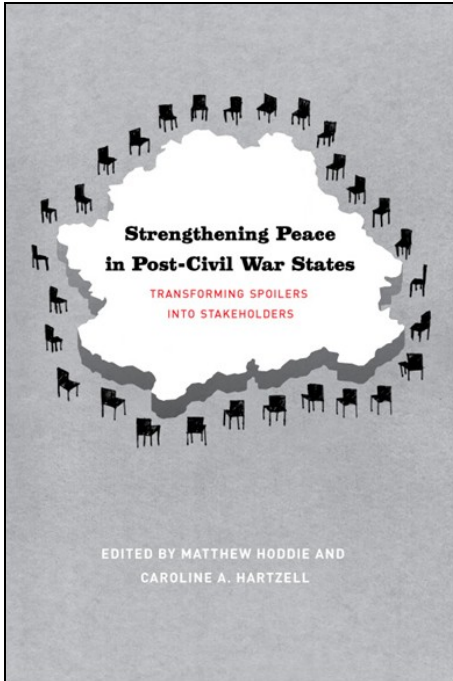
One of Jim's Sabbatical Projects

Joyfully, Jim was on sabbatical for the spring semester. He worked on his ongoing research project that explores the provision of social goods, public goods with no direct pecuniary value such as human rights or environmental management, in the international system. He presented a paper that applies his model to military intervention for humanitarian purposes at the International Studies Association meeting and he expects to submit an article on the model early in the fall.

Jim also had two back operations, from which he is recovering wonderfully. He is walking tall again.

Matthew Hoddie

Matthew Hoddie, an article that I coauthored with Caroline Hartzell was published by the journal *International Organization* in the Spring 2010 issue. The article is titled “Economic Liberalization via IMF Structural Adjustment: Sowing the Seeds of Civil War?”.



The University of Chicago Press published a book for which I serve as a coeditor. The book was released in August 2010 and has the title *Strengthening Peace in Post-Civil War States: Transforming Spoilers into Stakeholders*.

My review of Pippa Norris’s book *Driving Democracy: Do Power-Sharing Institutions Work?* appeared in the Winter 2009-2010 issue of the journal *Political Science Quarterly*.

I attended two conferences during the academic year. I presented the paper “Short-Term Pain, Long-Term Gain? The Effects of IMF Economic Reform Programs on Public Health Performance” at the 2009 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Toronto. Caroline Hartzell and I presented the paper “Good, Bad, or Ugly: The Effects of Power-Sharing Institutions on Democracy in Post-Civil War States” at the 2010 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

During the summer I attended a Council on International Educational Exchange Faculty Development Seminar. The seminar took place in Tibet during two weeks in June.

Martha Kumar

Martha Kumar, Professor of Political Science, a nationally recognized expert on the presidential press corp. Her book, *Managing the President’s Message: The White House Communications Operation*, was recently published in paperback. She is a regular commentator on C-SPAN, National Public Radio, and the History Channel. She is working on a new book on press relations in the Obama Whitehouse.



Hawaii 2010



Bill Lahneman

Bill Lahneman published two journal articles this past academic year, “The Need for a New Intelligence Paradigm” in the *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, and “Estimating Iraqi WMDs: A Simulation” (with co-author Hugo Keesing) in *Simulation and Gaming*. He spent much of this past year revising his book manuscript, *The Revolution in Intelligence Affairs: Keeping U.S. Intelligence Effective in the 21st Century*, which will be published by Scarecrow Press in early 2011. In February, Bill presented a paper entitled “The Nation-building Strategy of the Roman Empire: Lessons for Today” at the International Studies Association’s Annual Convention in New Orleans. In May, he delivered a presentation entitled “Mapping the Revolution in Intelligence Affairs: An Essential Process for Preserving U.S. and Global Security” at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Supported bilaterally by the governments of the United States and Germany, the Marshall Center is an international security and defense studies institute that promotes dialogue and understanding among the nations of North America, Europe, Eurasia and beyond. In early August, Bill served as facilitator for the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) Program’s Summer Seminar at the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel and Conference Center, National Harbor, MD. This event, hosted by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, brought together over 80 university professors and deans to participate in a series of workshops and presentations aimed at improving national security-related curricula and courses at U.S. universities. Bill also was selected to attend the mid-August Faculty Development Workshop conducted by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. This event, hosted by the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, brought together university professors from over 30 universities to learn about and discuss best practices in teaching homeland security undergraduate and graduate programs.

George Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany



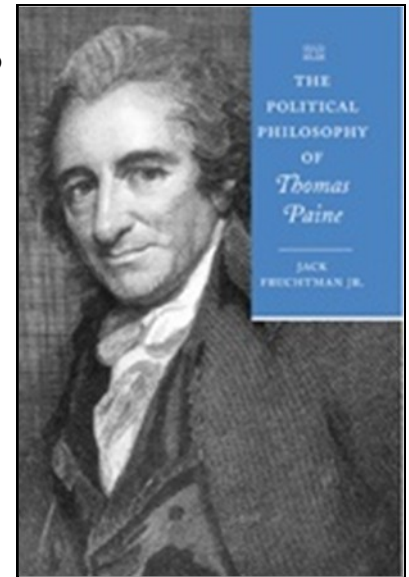
Mike Korzi

Mike Korzi finished reading the copy-edited proofs for his book manuscript this summer. He will be presenting a paper on presidential signing statements at the American Political Science Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

Michael Korzi has been appointed as the Director of the Graduate Program in Social Science. He will serve at this position until the summer of 2013. Congratulations!!!

Jack Fruchtman

Jack Fruchtman, this past year, continued to direct the university's pre-law program and serving as the faculty adviser to the Prelaw Society. He is also the longtime director of the Law and American Civilization major, which now has a substantial number of students enrolled in its courses. He taught courses in constitutional law and politics as well as the Law and American Civilization courses that guide students in their internships and senior theses. In September of 2009, the Monticello Foundation in Charlottesville, Virginia, invited him to participate in an international conference held at the exclusive Reform Club of London in England. He has revised his presentation for publication, which is scheduled for late 2011. Dr. Fruchtman also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the East Central/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies held at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.



Dr. Fruchtman continues to serve as a co-editor of a book series entitled "The Enlightenment World," which to date has published over twenty books by the British publisher, Pickering and Chatto. His own latest book, *The Political Philosophy of Thomas Paine*, was published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in late November of 2009 (see illustration). He also published an article on "American Law," in *The Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*. Finally, in April of 2010, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland presented Dr. Fruchtman with its highest award, the University of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Research and Scholarship.

Alison McCartney

Alison's ICONS class again performed vey well, this time representing Poland. They were thrilled to trounce a College Park grad student. This year's Model UN brought a record 188 high school students from 13 schools in 3 counties. One of her students, Lindsay Roberts, presented a research paper on the UN Office of High Commissioner for Refugees and its work in Turkey at the Colonial Academic Alliance Conference in April (she was also accepted to a national conference, but the University didn't have enough money to send her to Montana!). Alison also presented a paper on Civic Engagement: Concepts and Debates at the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference in Philly in February, and a book deal with APSA (as lead co-editor) may be in the works. Otherwise, she has spent the summer finishing her book on German-Polish relations (yeah, really) and teaching 107 online for the first time.



Alison's book proposal on Civic Engagement has just been approved by APSA, and she will be meeting with the head of APSA publications at the annual convention in September.

Frank Mullen

In late July & early August, Frank Mullen visited Peru to attend the wedding celebration of Scott Pierson and his wife Maritza. Scott & Maritza were married last summer but unfortunately her parents could not get a visa to attend. The celebration was at an ancient Inca holy site outside of Cusco. After visiting many Inca ruins in the famous "Sacred Valley" we went to see Machu Picchu.



Good News!!

New Directors – Congratulations!

Michael Korzi has been appointed as the Director of the Graduate Program in Social Science. He will serve at this position until the summer of 2013.

Donn Worgs has been appointed the new Director for African and African American Studies. He will serve in this position until August 2013, along with continuing with the Metropolitan Studies major.

Grace Adams-Square - GO GRACE!!!

Following in the footsteps of our dear colleague Michael Korzi; many of you have asked me when will I be done. Friday, July 2, 2010 I met with my Committee chair at WVU in Morgantown. At the conclusion of the meeting I was told I will defend December 6, 2010. I never thought I would ever hear those words. Many of you have guided me and provided me with words of encouragement. So thanks and I will keep you informed as I continue the process of writing and of course re-writing.

We met even though the WVU campus is closed due to the death of Senator Byrd. All flags have been flying at half mast since the announcement.

Jewish Holiday's 2010-11

	2010 March	2011 April 19, 20
PESACH (Passover)	30, 31 Tues. & Wed.	Tues. & Wed.
Concluding Days of PESACH	April 5, 6 Mon. & Tues.	April 25, 26 Mon. & Tues.
SHAVUOT (Receiving of the Torah)	May 19, 20 Wed. & Thur.	June 8, 9 Wed. & Thur.
ROSH HASHANAH (New Year)	Sept. 9, 10 Thur. & Fri.	Sept. 29, 30 Thur. & Fri.
YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)	Sept. 18 Saturday	Oct. 8 Saturday
SUKKOT (Feast of Tabernacles)	Sept. 23, 24 Thur. & Fri.	Oct. 13, 14 Thur. & Fri.
SHEMINI ATZERET (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Sept. 30 Thursday	Oct. 20 Thursday
SIMCHAT TORAH (Rejoicing of the Law)	Oct. 1 Friday	Oct. 21 Friday
TISHA B'AV (Official Day of Mourning)	July 20 Tuesday	August 9 Tuesday



FALL Academic Calendar 2010

August 25(Wednesday)

Classes and Change of Schedule period begins

August 30(Monday)

Change of Schedule period ends for 7W1
Last day to drop a course for first 7 weeks with no grade posted to academic record.

September 2(Thursday)

Change of Schedule period ends for full term (14 weeks).
Last day to drop a course with no grade posted to academic record.

September 6(Monday)

Labor Day holiday

September 27(Monday)

Last day to withdraw from first 7-week courses

October 14(Thursday)

Mid-term and end of first 7-week courses.

October 15(Friday)

Second 7-week courses begin.

October 20(Wednesday)

Change of Schedule period ends for 7W2
Last day to drop a course for second 7 weeks with no grade posted to academic record.

November 8(Monday)

Last day to withdraw from full term courses with a grade of W.
Last day to change to pass/fail option or audit options.

November 16(Tuesday)

Last day to withdraw from 2nd 7-week courses with a grade of W.

November 24-28(Wednesday-Sunday)

Thanksgiving Holiday NO CLASSES

November 29(Monday)

Classes resume.

December 4(Saturday)

Last Saturday class

December 8(Wednesday)

Last day of classes

December 9(Thursday)

Final examinations begin

December 15(Wednesday)

Last day of examinations and end of term

Office Equipment

We have new office equipment:

another high speed printer, we wanted to name it Carol, but were told, our printers must have a standardized name.

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This printer does the same as Adam and Randy, double sided print and stapling.

We are also very happy to announce, that we received three new computers, from the Dean, that were designated for Adjunct Faculty. They have been placed in 200A (2) and 200B (1)

Phyllis and the student workers both have scanners now if you don't have your syllabi on the computer please have one of them scan it, then print to our printer. You can put the syllabus on Blackboard. We now have about one-third of the faculty who teach some on-line or hybrid courses. I know they are more than willing to help you deal with technology.

Fall and Spring Commencement Dates

Fall 2010

Sunday, January 9, 2011

10:00am College of Education

College of Health Professions

College of Business and Economics

2:00pm College of Fine Arts and Communications

College of Liberal Arts

Fisher College of Science and Math



Spring 2011

May 25-27 Wednesday, May 25

10:00am College of Education

2:00pm College of Fine Arts and Communications

Thursday, May 26

10:00am Fisher College of Science and Mathematics

2:00pm College of Liberal Arts

Friday, May 27

10:00am College of Health Professions

2:00pm College of Business and Economics



Changes to Graduate Student Grading

Anyone with a 500 level class, please take note.

The new grading System begins this Fall 2010, as follows:

A: 4.00 grade points

A-: 3.67 grade points

B+: 3.33 grade points

B: 3.00 grade points

C: 2.00 grade points

F: 0.00 grade points

Book Order Due Dates:

Minimester 2011	September 22, 2010
Spring 2011	October 6, 2010
Summer Sessions	February 16, 2011



Minimester Course Request:

Minimester course request must be turned in by September 1, 2010

Just a Reminder:

- There is no longer a copier on the third floor.
- Media Carts are no longer delivered to the classrooms. The following classrooms in Linthicum Hall will have media permanently attached:

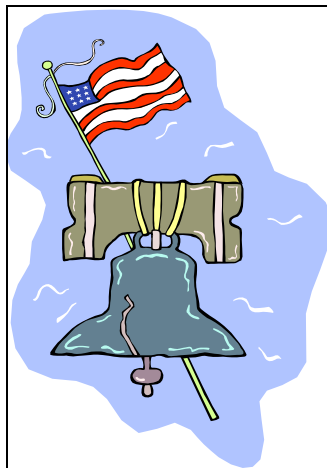
Linthicum Hall rooms

LI015	LI309	Political Science department currently has a department media cart, along with a notebook and projector. See Phyllis to sign it out.
LI209	LI107	
LI316	LI005	
LI314	LI116	
LI317	LI011	
LI009	LI310	
	LI111	

Student Highlights

Sarah Elfreth:

Graduate with honors in Political Science in May 2010. As an undergraduate she was an active member of the student government and was appointed as the student representative on University System of Maryland Board of Regents. Sarah will attend graduate school at the Johns Hopkins University.



Matthew Bohle:

Graduated in May 2010 and will attend George Washington University's School of Political Management. His involvement in various political internships while at Towson led him to pursue an advanced degree in this new field. Matt is currently working as Campaign Manager for Maryland State Senator Rob Garagiola.