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Dear friends of the Department:



Our newsletter is undergoing some changes this year to better communicate with you, our alumni, friends and supporters of the department. The new name reflects what we do in all matters of public affairs: educating our students as future professionals in domestic and international affairs, developing leaders to head their agencies and organizations, and developing those who wish to carry their passion into academia to educate the next generation of students and scholars.

Many of you have shared your successes with us as you have left the university, the region and the state and we hope you will continue to do so.

I just wanted to share a few highlights of this year's developments with you. To illustrate our steady improvements as an academic unit, you will be pleased to hear that our remarkable faculty have produced high quality research and has produced 3 books, 19 refereed articles and given at least 11 professional presentations at scholarly national and international meetings. Visit our [departmental website](#) for more of the [faculty exploits](#) or how to contact them. Visit us on [Facebook](#) or our departmental [LinkedIn](#) to join many of the departmental graduates.

[Dr. Andrew Dowdle](#) was promoted to Professor and [Dr. Angie Maxwell](#) was promoted to Associate Professor and is the newly minted Director of the [Diane D. Blair Center of Southern Politics & Society](#).

You might also be interested to know that Dr. Xavier Medina Vidal will join us our new Latino Politics scholar this fall. He comes to us from Virginia Polytechnic where he held a tenure track position. He will join the Blair

Center team composed of Drs. Pearl Dowe, Angie Maxwell and Todd Shields.

The department also added a new minor in [Southern Studies](#) which was launched during Fall 2014. It is an interdisciplinary minor supported by colleagues from Political Science, English and History. The minor joins our two other minors in [legal studies](#) and [planning](#), both of which have been flourishing.

We would be remiss to not extend a big thanks to our various instructors: Nathan Looney and Zoe Naylor who provide invaluable service, not to mention the contributions made by our visiting assistant professors, Dan Brown, Anne Diallo and Dr. Christine Mele. Dr. Karen Sebold, our first clinical assistant professor, continues with her remarkable contributions to the teaching mission of the department (you will hear more from her later in the newsletter).

We could not make all of this possible without the valiant support from our intrepid staff. Kathy Rice our office supervisor and Marisa Grippio our second staff member have supported the faculty and students to assure that they can focus on their work without disruptions.

We would love to feature you in an upcoming Newsletter, please provide us with an [Alumni Update](#) to let us know what new and exciting things you are doing.

From all of us,
Margaret F. Reid, Chair
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Graduate Program News

Our MA and MPA graduate programs had another productive year. Our graduate students presented papers at a number of academic conferences and earned prestigious honors and awards during the past year. Between the two programs we had twelve graduates in 2014-2015. The MPA program had an enrollment of approximately twenty five students, while our MA program had an enrollment that fluctuated between fifteen and twenty students. We are especially grateful to our international students who have made or are making their home away from home in our department. Several international students are starting or have completed their programs of study. They are from China, Indonesia, Kosovo, Madagascar, and Tunisia. They have greatly enriched our classrooms.

We would like to congratulate the following graduates – from the **MA program**: Dhia Ben Ali (who has been accepted to the Public Policy PhD program at the University of Arkansas), Ning Chen, Spencer Hall, Lauren Merritt, Rachael Moyer (she has also joined the Public Policy PhD program), Mark Myers, Liz Petray and Sairah Siddique. From the **MPA program**: Travis Adams (MPA-JD), Claire Allison, Theresa Ehrlich, and Lira Rajenarison. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication and wish them the best with their future pursuits.

In addition several students from the MPA program also were awarded a certificate in Cross Sector Alliances (a new program we started with colleagues in the MBA program about 2 years ago). They are: Victoria Hui, Claire Allison, and Lira Rajenarison. The certificate is one of a small number of such programs in the country. It focuses on the relationships of nonprofits with public agencies and for-profit organizations.

Our department is fortunate enough to have a group of very capable teaching assistants who have allowed us to offer reasonably small sections of introductory level undergraduate courses and to free up faculty to teach advanced undergraduate courses and graduate seminars. They were: Travis Adams (MPA-JD), Theresa Ehrlich (MPA), Braiton Hargrove (MA), Alexandra Middlewood (MA), Mark Nabors (MPA) and Tara Schmutzler (MPA). Dhia Ben-Ali (MA), Kathleen Doody (MA), Spencer Hall (MA), Whitley Hall (JD-MPA), Ethan Hunter (MPA), Rachael Moyer (MA), Merritt Royal (MPA) and Creed Tumblison (MA) all assisted the faculty in their various pursuits.

As always, there is a continued need for high-quality paid internships for students in both of our graduate programs. We appreciate your help in finding these opportunities, so please let us know about any openings so we can make students aware of them.

As you know, none of us can do our jobs without relying on the help of others. I want to thank all the alumni, students, staff, faculty and friends of the department that make our MA and MPA programs such a success, and I am looking forward to another productive and exciting year. Please contact me at adowdle@uark.edu with any suggestions that you may have for either program.

Andrew Dowdle, Graduate Coordinator and Vice Chair



Ever wondered what you can do with a degree in Political Science: It might surprise you!

Two years ago we started a new feature that we hope you will find useful as you may be looking for becoming a student in the department or are wondering what sorts of careers political scientists can embark upon. With this year's newsletter we will continue to introduce you to recent and not so recent graduates of both our undergraduate and graduate programs.

Undergraduate Spotlight

Jonathan Cloar (BA 2009) finished with honors at the U of A and recently moved to Washington, D.C. He clerked for a judge in El Dorado, Arkansas. "I was in El Dorado for a year after law school – small town life was new to me as El Dorado is quite isolated. The closest large town is about two hours away. Overall it was a great experience, and it is probably the best job I'll ever have." He now works for the law firm Covington & Burling. It's a large firm. There are about 500ish attorneys in the D.C. office alone and 800ish lawyers across the entire firm. "I have found practicing law to be intense. I mostly do what is probably best described as corporate litigation, representing companies in various disputes with other companies. I have also been able to do some pro bono work which is very rewarding and enjoyable." Jonathan is one of the many students who use political science and the Legal Studies minor in our department as a spring board into Law School.



Channing Barker (BA Political Science/Journalism 2012) took a job at KNWA/Fox 24 as a weekend producer in her final year of college and upon graduation she was assigned as a reporter for the station. "This gave me the opportunity to see the world of news from behind the scenes. I didn't know exactly how my passion for Southern politics would play into this job. Little did I know how fascinating covering Arkansas state politics, the legislature, and policy issues would be over the next three years." She currently is anchoring a morning show and found her studies vital in the newsroom during such historic moments of health care reform and marriage equality both taking center stage at the Supreme Court. "More than anything, I use my political science

degree in my favorite title as an MS activist. Living with Multiple Sclerosis, I advocate for issues that impact the MS community. My political science degree allows me to see the federal and state level differences from a different point of view."

She found interviewing Thomas Robb of the KKK as one of her most thought provoking interviews and again receiving her political science degree from UA, assisted her in placing this interview in focus. Channing notes "I'm thankful for helpful and patient professors who took their time to invest in my passions. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Graduate Spotlight

Kelly Haller (MA 2011). After graduating from the U of A, Kelly began working for the Department of Defense in Colorado at the United States Northern Command where she is a branch chief for counter-narcotics and threat finance. Her primary portfolio includes helping to develop and operationalize a counter threat finance program. As an organization, the Department of Defense has responsibilities for countering financial resources used to engage in terrorism, illicit trafficking and transnational organized crime. “The ultimate goal of programs like this is to degrade or deny adversaries the ability to negatively affect U.S. interests.” Kelly also is charged with partnering with other agencies and organizations across the United States government as well as other countries. Kelly was also certified as an anti-money laundering specialist, as well as project management. She is also the proud mama of a boy, named Flynn, who was born in June 2014.

Susan Hansen (MPA 2008) serves as a Health System Specialist at the VA Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Susan is another example of how an internship can lead to a career. In the MPA program she focused on health administration. Susan began working as a Health Care Administration Trainee in the Fayetteville VA center (2007-2009) while completing her program. She was then appointed as Program analyst in 2009 before being promoted to Health System Specialist: Public Affairs Officer in 2010. She moved to Decatur, GA in 2012 where she continued as program analyst before she was hired in 2013 to her current position.

Susan commented on how the MPA Program prepared her for her career progression: “The MPA program’s coursework laid the foundation and provided an in-depth scholarly look at issues impacting the federal government and the various challenges associated with a career in federal service. The most important part of my studies was the ability to get hands-on experience interning with the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville) as part of the program. This real world experience augmented my studies and translated into not only a job upon graduation but into a career that I love.”



It is for these and other reasons that we emphasize professional development along with rigorous academic studies in the program.

Angie Maxwell, named Blair Director



[Angie Maxwell](#), the Blair Professor Southern Studies and an associate professor of political science, was named director in the spring 2015. A Harry S. Truman Scholar, Maxwell received a BA in international relations from the University of Arkansas and a doctorate in American studies from the University of Texas.

She will organize the [Blair Legacy Conference](#) on Southern Politics and Society, which will focus this year on Senator Fulbright's legacy, manage the Blair Center-Clinton School Poll and oversee the new minor in [Southern Studies](#) that began fall 2014.

Fifth symposium in the Blair Legacy Series, "[18 million cracks](#):" The Legacy of 2nd Wave Feminism in American Politics was held in November. Part of the symposium held a free screening of the PBS documentary *Makers: Women Who Make America* followed by a discussion by Sara Evans. The previous four symposia have each resulted in a published book.

[The Blair Center](#) was established by an act of U.S. Congress in 2001, making it one of the rare research centers in the country to be established by congressional appropriation.

Faculty Awards

Pearl Dowe, Collaborative Research Grant from the Office for Faculty Development and Enhancement

Brinck Kerr, Collis R. Geren Award for Excellence in Graduate Education

Angie Maxwell, SEC Visiting Faculty Travel Grant

Christine Mele, Golden Tusk Award for Student Service

Geoboo Song, Robert C. and Sandra Connor Endowed Faculty Fellowship



Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society



Pi Sigma Alpha's (PSA) purpose is to bring together students and faculty interested in the study of government and politics. They contribute greatly to the political science department and the greater campus by having meetings on topics ranging from internships and professional development, to academic careers and international politics and business. Dr. Karen Sebold as PSA's adviser has done a tremendous job in taking the program farther.

Grant Hodges, State Representative from District 96 was a guest speaker in October. Senator Mark Pryor spoke in January where they were voted it as the RSO SOOIE—Event of the Month!



Sebold comments “Our meetings on internships and professional development were informative and allowed students to have one-on-one advice from our professional development expert Erica Estes and from PLSC Executive in Residence, Suze François (Walmart Foundation) who spoke in April about how to apply

a liberal arts degree to careers in international affairs.”

Dr. Sebold accompanied eight PSA members to Chicago, IL, where they attended the 3-day Midwest Political Science Association Conference. PSA members listened to several panels discussing American politics and international relations issues. Highlight was a keynote address by Lee H. Hamilton, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and currently a member of the U.S. Homeland Security Advisory Council.

While at the conference, they also attended the annual meeting of the national PSA where the president spoke to members about its role in the university community. This event aided students in gaining a better understanding of PLSC careers, the significance of attending graduate school as well as allowing them to network with professors and graduate school coordinators who often hold the key to gaining acceptance to graduate schools and assistantships.



Suze François, 2015 Executive in Residence



Suze François, Senior Manager at Walmart, joined us as our 3rd *Executive in Residence*. Some readers of the newsletter may recall that the department adopted its *Executive in Residence* program in 2013. The program brings experienced managers in the service professions and career executives to campus to interact with undergraduate and graduate students through lectures and professional seminars or workshops.

Our first *Executive in Residence* was Kay Goss (featured in last year's newsletter) and alumna of the department. She was succeeded in 2014 by Dean Kruithof who, after a three decade long career in municipal management, took a break to return to the region. Dean came at a great time when our minor in urban planning was just starting to take off. He recently accepted a new position as Miami's (OK)

City Manager. His passion for city management has taken him from Oklahoma, where he grew up, to many other communities including more recently as deputy city administrator of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and as city administrator of Branson, Missouri, for five years. He continues to be involved with the departmental MPA program.

Suze François agreed to serve as this year's EiR. She is a distinguished alumna from the department's MPA program and the department is focusing in 2015 to raise the profile of its international affairs programs, especially with the upcoming hire of an international relations faculty member this fall. Before joining Walmart, Suze, a native of Haiti, worked with the Organization of American States on women's peace and security issues. During the spring she spoke at a Pi Sigma Alpha meeting and visited Dr. Conge's class on changing international norms where she and two colleagues from Walmart's international division spoke about the economic, ethical and business challenges facing large international companies. We are working with her on some other activities for this fall.

Pre-Law Society

Advisor: Bill Schreckhise, schreckw@uark.edu

The [Pre-Law Society](#) seeks to smooth the path for undergraduate students planning to attend law school. According to Dr. Schreckhise "Our mission is to educate students about the steps and requirements to enter law school and introduce them to various legal professions."



Award and Scholarship Winners

We celebrated our [Award and Scholarship](#) winners this year with a luncheon at the end of the spring semester. It was a tough decision picking award winners from the quality students we have enrolled.

Henry M. Alexander Memorial Award: **Katie Rogers**

William Jennings Bryan Award: **John Bloodworth**

Carney “Butch” Carroll Scholarship: **Deborah Moore**

Emil M. & Pearl K. Larson Internship Award:
Greyson Teague

Minna Rosenbaum Divers Award:
Sydney Cason and Hilary Zedlitz

Hugh T. Henry Memorial Award:
Morgan Atwood and Mark Nabors

Rita Snoddy Davis Scholarship: **Yasmeen Ebbini**



Mark Nabors with Dr. Pat Conge

Other Awards:

2014 Senior Honor Citation during the Arkansas Alumni Association Board of Directors luncheon: **Autumn Lewis**

2015 [Seniors of Significance](#) in PLSC were: **Lindsey Bach, Samantha Cusumano, Ayana Gray, Morgan Johnson, Elizabeth Kyle, Thanh Le and Robert Lee**



The 2015 Seniors of Significance were honored during a reception at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House

Two senior PLSC students were selected as [Razorback Classics](#) for 2015: **Thanh Le and Robert Lee**

The Arkansas Poll

Now 17 years old, the Blair Center's annual statewide telephone survey - the [Arkansas Poll](#) - had a remarkable year with respect to both national recognition and research production.

The only nonpartisan, regularly-conducted, and wholly-transparent public opinion project in the state - the Poll accurately projected 2014's top contests, the top two within just one point of the actual outcomes.

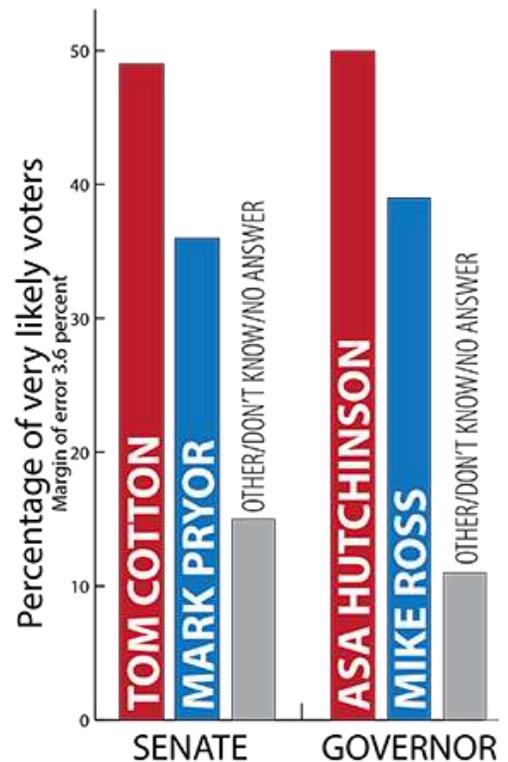
The Arkansas Poll's continued accuracy was particularly notable in a year when "poll convergence" plagued political polling nationwide. According to Dr. Parry poll convergence occurs when "pollsters massage samples to avoid being an outlier in close contests, consequently misrepresenting actual opinion patterns." The [FiveThirtyEight.com](#) blog of The New York Times, [RealClearPolitics](#), and other national outlets for political wonks hailed the Arkansas Poll as among the few to avoid the problem.

The Poll's founding director, Professor Janine Parry, acknowledged it was "scary to dangle out on the edge, in the bright hot spotlight of the Pryor-Cotton race in particular." But as in years past, "we just relied on good techniques and let the data stand," she said.

The project also again produced data for scholarly research. Dr. Parry joined frequent collaborator Jay Barth of Hendrix College to produce in-depth analysis of the Arkansas electorate in the 2012 national election cycle with "Arkansas: Another Anti-Obama Aftershock" in the *Presidential Elections in the South* series (U of A Press, 2014). She and co-author Craig Burnett also used poll data to publish "Gubernatorial Endorsements and Ballot Measure Approval" in the journal *State Politics and Policy* (first issue of 2014).

For current and previous polls, please visit the [Arkansas Poll's](#) website or contact [Dr. Janine Parry](#), Professor, and Arkansas Poll Director.

Arkansas Poll 2014



Alumni News

John Michael Bynum (MPA 2009) is finishing his law degree this year and is currently working for the Department of Finance and Administration as a budget analyst.

Jonathan Cloar (BA 2009) is working in the Covington & Burling law firm in Washington D.C. (he is featured in this newsletter)

John C. Davis (BA 2008, MA 2011) was awarded Best Graduate Student Paper (University of Missouri) at the 2014 annual meeting held at Harding University. "The Natural State in a Time of Change: A Survey-Based Analysis of State Party Organizations in Arkansas, 1999-2013."

Andrew English (MPA, 2014) accepted a student data specialist position at Lyon College in Batesville, AR.

Susan Hansen (MPA, 2008) serves as Health System Specialist at VA Medical Center, Atlanta Georgia (she is featured in this newsletter).

Amy Holt (BA 1999; MPA, 2003) received her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Management from the University of North Texas, 2011. She currently works as Education Director with the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

Victoria Hui (MPA, 2014) works for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as a research analyst.

Jocelyn McDaniel (BA, 2008) was accepted to Harvard Graduate School of Education to pursue an M.Ed. in Education Policy and Management.

Yuliya Momot (MPA, 2008) serves as administration manager at PACCAR (Pacific Car and Foundry Company) in the Eindhoven area, Netherlands. In 2011 she completed her Public Policy and Policy Analysis Ph.D. from Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

Mark Myers (MA, 2014) was selected by Governor Asa Hutchinson as the new director of the Arkansas Department of Information Systems. In a news release announcing the appointment, Hutchinson noted Myers' experience in state government, his military background and his experience in the technology industry working for Loislaw.com.

Myers wrote in the news release, "Technology changes daily, if not hourly, and the trust the Governor has put in me to lead one of the most dynamic agencies in government is both inspiring and humbling."

Caleb J. Osborne (BA 2007) works for Oxy, an oil and energy law firm. He wrote an article for [JEEL](#), The George Washington Journal of Energy & Environmental Law, Embracing Federalism Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Fracking.

Zoe Ray (BA 2014) has received a full ride scholarship as a Sumner scholar through the University of North Texas.

Traci Roper (MPA 2011) has moved to Dallas, TX where she accepted a financial advisor role with Citi Group.

Weston Self (MA 2007) Sr. Strategic Contract Analyst at Wal-Mart.

Erron Smith (BA 1999, JD 2002) Senior Associate General Counsel, Corporate Division, Wal-Mart. Provide legal support for Global Equity, Executive Compensation, International Compensation, and Investor Relations teams. Provide general legal support for Board of Directors. Prepare annual proxy statement and other Securities and Exchange Commission Filings. Serve as Acting Secretary for two standing committees of Board of Directors.

B. Scott Tankersley (BA 1997) accepted a position as a Software Engineer at Raytheon IIS in Plano, TX.

Will Watson (BA 2009, MA 2014) has been named the Director of Digital Media and Data Analysis for the Southern Progress Fund, a 527 organization that will be involved in political races across the South in 2014 and beyond. He will have a great opportunity in this position to advocate for policy and community development.

Joshua Wilson (MPA 2009) Associate Vice, Planning & Institutional Research at Ozarka College.

Tamika Wordlow (MPA 2009) named Director of Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at East Carolina University.

Leslie Yingling (BA 2005) named Director of Center of Multicultural and Diversity Education at the University of Arkansas. Previously she worked as director of the College Access Initiative, also a part of the Division of Diversity and Community Relations.

Wes Young (MPA 2012) works for the Arkansas Department of Human Services as a Program Eligibility Coordinator in Benton County. He has been promoted twice and sent to Little Rock to work on the new computer systems required to implement the Medicaid expansion to Arkansas' citizens.

Student News - Undergraduates

Two U of A students were selected as *Truman Scholarship Finalists*: **Grant Addison**, a Chancellor's Scholar, and **Hilary Zedlitz**, a Sturgis Fellow. **Grant Addison** won this prestigious award. The Truman Scholarship Foundation selected 58 students in 2015 from all across the nation. He joins Nate Coulter who received the award in 2013.

Savannah Brunet received a *Teach for America* award (in 2014)

Margaret Watermann a triple major in French /History /Political Science Pierce, received a SURF award. Faculty mentor was history professor Michael Pierce.

Scott Shackelford Journalism /Political Science was the winner of the James Madison Fellowship

Tyler Hartney, a senior PLSC major and a member of the Honors College, was accepted to the spring 2015 session of the Clinton Global Initiative at the University of Miami. There he participated with more than 1,000 students from over 180 countries in development of innovative solutions to current and future policy issues.

Thanh Le and **Robert Lee** named 2015 Razorback Classics. A panel of more than 40 distinguished alumni selected the 22 Razorback Classics from the 71 Seniors of Significance. These students were selected in fall 2014 from more than 400 nominations. Each student was selected for his or her academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and significant campus and/or community involvement.

Autumn Lewis was recognized as the female 2014 Senior Honor Citation during the Arkansas Alumni Association Board of Directors luncheon. It is awarded to a senior male and female who exhibit outstanding academic achievement, campus and community involvement, and leadership.

The following students have been nominated for induction into Phi Beta Kappa because of their high grade point averages and breadth of studies in the liberal arts and sciences. I am writing to congratulate and thank the department for developing such outstanding students! **Joshua Brite, Paul Bodiford, Tyler Hartney, Kathryn Chevrier** and **Jessica Hicks** – nominated as a junior because of her outstanding record.



Grant Addison

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Graduates

Travis Adams was selected by the MPA faculty for the 2014 Arkansas City Management Association (ACMA) *Henry M. Alexander Scholarship*. The scholarship is presented annually to a student who excels in the MPA program at each of the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium's (APAC) member universities. This year the scholarship amount is \$1,000 per institution.

A team of faculty and post-graduate researchers recently surveyed more than 200 local policymakers and business leaders in NWA to gauge their opinions, attitudes and preferences toward energy policies and issues. The 2014 Arkansas Energy Policy Survey was conducted by Geoboo Song, assistant professor of political science and public policy in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, and John Kester III and **Rachael Moyer**, graduate students in the environmental dynamics doctoral program and department of political science, respectively

Political Science Graduates

Summer 2014

PLSC-BA: Karen Granados

Fall 2014

PLSC-BA: Christine Applegate; Patrick Bailey; Anna Borkowski; Mackenzie Bray; Alan D'Appollonio; Mitchell Ebbert; Jonathan Funnell; Alicia Gonzales; Alex Hinson; Jordan Honey; Nicholas Jordan; Christopher Mochulsky; Nicolas Moore; Mary Payne; Kirsten Ramey; Stephen Randall; Matthew Wright

PLSC-Minor: Kathyne Dunlap; Hannah Jarrett; Ashley Klein; Hayden Mercer; Marion Schulz; Taylor Smith; Natalie Sneed; Hiroyuki Sonoda

Legal Studies-Minor: Clint Daniel; Jordan Honey; Brandon Jeffries; Mary Payne; Kaylyn Ray; Nathan Whitten

GRADUATES—MPA: Theresa Ehrlich

MA: Dhia Ben Ali

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PLSC-BA: Lillian Gray; Ryan Abbey; Salama Almahayni; Paul Bodiford; Laura Bonds; Justin Bowen; Joshua Brite; Tyler Carr; Jonathan Casey; Jacob Chesnut; Jackson Edwards; Laura Freeman; Marycatherine Gerling; Joseph Green; Tyler Hartney; Ryan Hollis; Taylor Holmes; Austin Hudson; Nicholas Iacobacci; Morgan Johnson; George Kelley; William Lawrence; Andrew Lawson; Thanh Le; Robert Lee; Jerrika Longueville; Ryan Marshall; Ryan McGlothen; Kelsey Mcqueary; Elizabeth Miller; Katlyne Miller; Beaumont Papan; Chase Pierce; Kathryn Ratcliff; Brandon Sherman; Shannon Sowerwine; James Stayton; Joshua Stone; Lindsey Swinson; Elizabeth Treat; Samantha Tucker; Christopher Tuttle; Holden Warren; William Warren; Clayton Welshofer; Justin Williford; Stephen Wilson; Conrad Witte; Jeannette McIntyre; Haley Perlow

PLSC-Minor: Kaitlin Alcox; Ashley Athavichitchanyaraks; Valeria Banks; Bailey Cox; Phisut Eakampai; Haley Ethridge; Ty Featherston; John Harper; Mary Harrison; Allison Kathol; Sara Kouchehbagh; Konnor Lee; Courtney Massey; Chance Moquett; Alaina Moran; Joshua Schorlemmer; Jesse Sims; Catherine Woodrow

Legal Studies-Minor: Bradley Akins; Nicholas Battisto; Paul Bodiford; Ty Featherston; Christopher Gentry; Tyler Hartney; Nicholas Iacobacci; Thanh Le; Konnor Lee; Robert Lee; Elizabeth Miller; Katlyne Miller; Deborah Moore; Ashley Ogle; Kathryn Pickett; Sarah Plavcan; Adam Rose; Cicely Shannon; Lindsey Swinson; Stephanie Torres; Phillip Treat; Samantha Tucker; Richard Woods; Megan Yates.

Gender Studies: Taylor Holmes

GRADUATES—MPA: Travis Adams

MA: Spencer Hall, Lauren Merritt, Rachael Moyer



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The Department is always in need for your support. We are doing more and better things for our students and would like you to be a continued part of the success of this department. Please remember that when you hear in the media that the University received a major donation only a small percent is available for use. When you establish a fund of e.g. \$10,000 we can use less than five percent of that amount. **So it takes a lot of you helping us out.**

If you wish to support the mission of the [scholarships or departmental awards](#) below, or would like to start your own, do not hesitate to contact me or the Fulbright College Office of Development.

Please direct your donations to one or more of the following accounts:

Diane D. Blair Library Fund. Named after the late Diane Blair a professor in the department. The fund is designed to acquire resources for the departmental library.

Henry M. Alexander Memorial Fund is named after the late professor and chair of this Department and is given annually to a senior PLSC major(s) with the highest academic achievement.

William Jennings Bryan Award Fund. This award is presented to an outstanding student(s) in PLSC.

Hugh T. Henry Memorial Fund (MPA). Hugh T. Henry was the first MPA director of the department and shaped public administration education in the state of Arkansas. These recognitions are given to outstanding students in the MPA program.

Rita Snoddy Davis ACCESS Arkansas Scholarship is designed to provide support for need-based students in PLSC.

Emil M. and Pearl K. Larson Internship in Public Service. Nancy Jefferson established this award in memory of her parents to encourage students to explore careers in public service through internships.

Harry R. and Lois D. Alward Scholarship in PLSC provides one or more scholarships to a full-time undergraduate students majoring in PLSC. The recipient must distinguish him or herself through leadership, citizenship, and interest in PLSC and public service; preference given to undergraduate students with financial need.

Minna R. Divers Memorial Fund. Minna Rosenbaum Divers was the late emerita Professor Diane Blair's mother. She was one of Colorado's first female lawyers. Divers served in the Roosevelt Administration as an attorney with the Public Works Administration and served on the staff of several members of the U.S. Congress. Diane established this fund to support outstanding PLSC undergraduates who have demonstrated a commitment to, and plans for, careers in public service.

Robert L. Savage Memorial Fund to support our MA students. Bob was a longtime member of the department and served as chair of the department from 1988-2001 when he retired. He passed away in 2012.

All checks may be sent directly to the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences — Office of Development (525 Old Main). Contact: Ashlie Hilbun (479-575-3712 or e-mail: ahilbun@uark.edu).

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