

## Two New Visiting Faculty Join Department

*Two visiting professors join the department this fall, replacing Peter Ahrensdorf (sabbatical) and Russell Crandall (leave of absence). Welcome to both!*

**Dr. Joe Carrig** teaches political theory (this semester, Contemporary Ideologies and Clas



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sical Political Theory, next semester Modern Political theory and a seminar on "Ethics and Capitalism,"). Joe is actually a return visitor to campus, having taught here during the 2002/03 academic year. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and since his last visit to Davidson has been active both as a scholar and a political and educational consultant, working most recently on N.C. Governor Beverly Perdue's recent election campaign.

**Dr. Dag Mossige**, a native of Norway, is a specialist on Latin American and southern European politics. He came to the US on a scholarship to study journalism at Colorado State University, and then shifted to political science for his graduate studies. He completed his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University in 2009. His interest lies

primarily with political institutions and political parties, and



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most of his fieldwork has been in Mexico and Argentina. He is offering courses in Latin American Politics, Southern European Politics, Comparative Politics, US Policy in Latin America, and a seminar on Politics of Mexico.

## Department Student Survey Results

In April the department conducted its first-ever survey of political science majors. The student participants called for a wider range of course offerings, with specific suggestions in all areas of the department. Many students also expressed strong interest in creating more opportunities for department social and academic gatherings

outside the classroom.

Calls for a wider range of course offerings, more frequent offerings of listed courses, and more opportunities for departmental social and academic gatherings outside the classroom were among the findings from a first-ever departmental survey of ma-

jors conducted in April. Students made a number of useful suggestions for the Friday brownbag lunches sponsored by the department. The survey reflected overall high levels of satisfaction with the major experience, while generating some useful and constructive criticism of some aspects of the curriculum.

## Class of '09 Graduates to Accolades

Davidson's Commencement in May 2009 witnessed the graduation of the largest and one of the most successful classes of political science majors in the school's history. The sixty-seven senior majors who received their degree included recipients of top honors, including a

Marshall Scholar, a Truman Scholar, and a Smith Scholar. Despite entering one of the worst job markets since the Great Depression, graduating seniors generally have had good success in securing jobs, internships, and acceptance into graduate programs. The latest

news from some members of the class of '09 is posted in the back of this newsletter.



## Vann Center for Ethics Opens

Political science majors interested in exploring the ethical dimensions of politics, public policy, and international relations now have an exciting new program on campus to utilize. The new Vann Center for Ethics, established through a generous gift to the College by Jim ('50) and Lee Vann, opens this fall with an impressive line-up of speakers and events (see "Events" on page 4 for details). The Center is directed by **Dr. David Perry**, who comes to us from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where from 2003-09 he taught ethics and warfare and

other courses for military colonels and their civilian counterparts. He previously taught biomedical ethics and business ethics at Seattle University and



Santa Clara University, was a management consultant in corporate ethics at the Ethics Resource Center in Washington, DC, and is au-

thor of *Partly Cloudy: Ethics in War, Espionage, Covert Action, and Interrogation*.

The Vann Center is an interdisciplinary program to promote "rigorous inquiry and moral reflection on issues and conditions that range from local to global in their significance." Students interested in politics will find that almost all of the program's events bear directly on matters of political life. This is an important new resource on campus and we are delighted to welcome Dr. Perry to the faculty.

## Profile: Political Science Classes of 2010, 2011

Numbers of declared majors in Political Science continue to stay high, making Political Science the largest major at Davidson College for three consecutive years (classes of '09, '10, and '11). As of late August, 62 seniors are political sci-

ence majors, while 68 juniors have declared a political science major.

One unusual demographic, for which we have no explanation, is the gender imbalance of the class of 2010, which has 43 males to 19

females. The class of 2011 restores the balance, with 36 males and 32 female majors. We welcome your hypotheses, though we suspect the class of 2010 is just a good old-fashioned "outlier."

***Have news you want to share with us?***

***Know of any events that others might be interested in?***

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## Students Earn Awards and Grants

Congratulations to the many political science majors who garnered awards and grants since April. At the Spring Convocation, **Andrew Foglia** and **Marshall Worsham** shared the Harris Proctor Award, given to the most outstanding graduating senior in Political Science. Three seniors – **Katy Finley**, **Marshall Worsham**, and **Trevor Chamberlin**, graduated with honors, having successfully defended an honors thesis.

**Christoph Pross** ('10) was named a Kemp Scholar in 2009 and in late April completed his research on the impact of the financial crisis on European integration, a course of study directed by Dr. Ortmayer. **Caroline Emch** ('11) won an Abernethy Research Award, supporting her summer research in Sierra Leone where she explored the role of community radio in health education. **Krista Timeus** ('10) received an Aber-

nethy Research Grant and a travel grant from the Dean Rusk Program to conduct independent research in Brazil over the summer on the topic of the Brazilian ethanol fuel industry. **Sara Bates** ('11) was awarded a Dean Rusk Grant and an Abernethy Research Award to support her work with Family Health International in rural Zambia for 7 weeks this summer. **Jessica Gallegos** ('11) won a "Dreams into Action" Award.

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**Comments, suggestions, or ideas for the next issue?**  
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## Announcements

- ◆ **A summary of the September 2 Political Science Majors Meeting will be sent electronically to all majors. Please review it for policy and program announcements.**
- ◆ **The Friday brown bag lunch series will restart Friday Sept. 11. This is an informal lunch gathering at 12:30 on selected Fridays, at which faculty and students meet to discuss a political topic or listen to a short talk. Dates, topics, presentations, and venue will be determined by the student steering committee – an announcement of the schedule will be made soon. All are welcome, including your friends from other majors.**
- ◆ **The Political Science department will have a cook-out for all majors and faculty on Friday October 2, from 5:00-7:00pm, at the home of Dr. Menkhaus. The student steering committee will finalize details shortly and send out an announcement. Stay tuned!**

*Davidson is a highly selective independent liberal arts college for 1,700 students located 20 minutes north of Charlotte in Davidson, N.C. Since its establishment in 1837 by Presbyterians, the college has graduated 23 Rhodes Scholars and is consistently regarded as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. Through The Davidson Trust, the college became the first liberal arts institution in the nation to replace loans with grants in all financial aid packages, giving all students the opportunity to graduate debt-free. Davidson competes in NCAA athletics at the Division I level, and a longstanding Honor Code is central to student life at the college.*

## Davidson in Washington Program Lands Top Speakers

Twenty-one students participated in the Davidson in Washington program this summer, working as full-time interns and taking a course taught by **Peter Ahrensdorf** entitled "Religion and De-



**Dr. Peter Ahrensdorf**

mocracy, at Home and Abroad."

The seminar landed some distinguished speakers, including Francis Fukuyama, Professor of International Political Economy at the Johns Hopkins University; Terry Eastland, Publisher, Weekly Standard; William Galston, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Marc Plattner, Vice President for Research and Studies at the National Endowment for Democracy and Coeditor of the Journal of Democracy; and Dr. Hillel Fradkin, Director of the Center for Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World.

The students also visited Congressman **John Spratt** ('64) of South Carolina on Capitol Hill and our own Dr. **Russell Crandall**, who is



**Dr. Russell Crandall**

currently serving as Director of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Pentagon.

## Events

### September/October 2009

"Ethics and War in Comparative Religious Perspective" *Speaker:* Dr. David Perry, Director of the Vann Center for Ethics and Professor of Applied Ethics, Davidson College; formerly Professor of Ethics at the U.S. Army War College Thursday, September 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m., C. Shaw Smith 900 Room

"Turmoil in Iran: What Next?" *Speaker:* Robin Wright, award-winning journalist and current fellow of the US Institute of Peace. Wednesday Sept. 9, 8:00pm; Duke Family Performance Hall

"Blacks and Blackness in France." *Speaker:* Pap Ndiaye, author of *La condition noir*. Monday Sept. 28, 7:30pm, C. Shaw Smith 900 Room

"The Energy Emergency: National Security, Climate Change, and Global Poverty." *Speaker:* Michael Levi, Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment and Director on Energy Security and Climate Change at the Council on Foreign Relations. Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:30pm, C. Shaw Smith 900 Room.

"Can a Counter-Terrorism Strategy Be Both Successful and Moral?" *Speaker:* Dr. Jeff Holzgrefe, Emory University School of Law Wednesday, 14 October 2009, 8:00-9:30 p.m. C. Shaw Smith 900 Room

Panel discussion on Korea, with the Korea Economic Institute. Thursday October 29, 7:00pm, C Shaw Smith 900 Room

## Faculty News

**Peter Ahrensdorf** directed the Davidson in Washington this summer. His book, *Greek Tragedy and Political Philosophy*, published by Cambridge University Press, came out in April. Peter is on sabbatical for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Chris Alexander** completed revision of his manuscript for a forthcoming book, to be published by Routledge in 2010, entitled *Tunisia: Stability and Reform in the Modern Maghreb*.

**Russell Crandall** has since May been at work in his position as Director of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of Defense. He and Britta are also the proud parents of Elliott Dean Crandall, born May 25. Congrats!

**Ken Menkhaus** published several articles and op-eds: "False Start in AFRICOM," in *Contemporary Security Studies*; "Somalia: They Created a Desert and Called it Peace(building)" in *Review of African Political Economy*; and two op-eds in *ForeignPolicy.com*: "Seven Ways to Stop Piracy in Somalia," (April 2009) and "Somalia: Too Big a Problem to Fail?" (August 2009). He was interviewed in a variety of media (CNN, NPR's "Morning Edition, FOX, BBC) on the Somali piracy story. In June, Ken served as director of studies for the Rift Valley Institute's one week intensive course on the Horn of Africa in Lamu, Kenya, taking along with him two Davidson students, **Katie Morris** ('10) and **Sarah Oberst** ('10). He also completed a short consultancy on fragile states and south Sudan for the US Agency for International Development.

**Lou Ortmayer** was awarded the "Most Valuable Professor 2009" designation by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council. Congrats Lou!

**Sangha Padhy** presented two papers at the Law and Society Annual Association Meeting, May 2009: "Towards Cosmopolitan Rights Jurisprudence: The Supreme Court, Social Groups, and the Environment in India" and "Water Wars: Engendering the Human Right to Water." She also published a book review of Partha Ghosh's *The Politics of Personal Law in South Asia* in the *Economic and Political Weekly*. Sangha spent the summer in India, working on issues of forest and water rights.

**Shelley Rigger** spent the summer in Davidson working on a book with the working title *Why Taiwan Matters: To the US, to China and to the World*. Political science major **Aaron Saltzman** ('10) helped with research and outlining chapters. In late spring, she presented several papers at conferences, including "Taiwan's Domestic Politics and Cross-Strait Relations," at the Conference on "A New Era in Cross-Strait Relations: Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints," at Stanford; "Nonpartisan Competition in Village Elections in Taiwan, the United States and Mainland China," presented at the Conference on Grassroots Democracy and Community Governance," in Shanghai; Lecture at UC-Irvine: "Taiwan Under President Ma Ying-jeou," University of California-Irvine, May 28; and "The Perestroika Movement in American Political Science and Implications for Chinese Political Studies," presented at the Roundtable on Political Science and Chinese Political Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai. Shelley also participated in several conferences and seminars, including "Cross-Strait Relations One Year into the Ma Administration," Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia; "The Taiwan Issue in China's Foreign and Security Policy," Conference on China's Global Rise: International Relations in an Era of Change, Furman University; and "The Taiwan Relations Act at 50," Sponsored by the Project 2049 Institute, Washington, DC.

**Pat Sellers** ('96) traveled with **John Anderson** ('09) and **Trevor Chamberlin** ('09) (along with coauthors from Furman and UMass-Amherst) to Chicago to present a paper on partisanship, bipartisanship, and public relations in Congress. The paper was the result of work last summer when John was a FS&R research fellow, and Trevor was a DRI fellow. In May Pat participated in a National Science Foundation panel of 15 political scientists charged with evaluating this year's funding requests for Ph.D dissertations in political science. Over the summer he revised three papers coauthored with students, helping **Chris Marsicano** ('10) and Dr. Anne Wills of the religion department on a project investigating religious appeals in election campaigns. Pat also kayaked around various islands on the NC/SC coast.

**Mary Thornberry** completed her sabbatical year, which she devoted to the writing of a research design book for use in undergraduate courses in methodology. In April, her daughter Elizabeth married in a ceremony in San Francisco.

## “Sweaty but stupendous” -- Student summer news

*Political Science majors had a very active summer, with travel, internships, jobs, and studies. We especially liked Athan Makanski's description of his summer in Samoa as “sweaty but stupendous.” Quite a few majors spent the summer in the Davidson in Washington program; their internships are listed in a separate article.*

**John Edwards** ('10) studied in an international relations program at Georgetown University and also interned in Washington, DC.

**Kaela Frank** ('11) worked as a counselor at Seeds of Peace, an international co-existence camp for youth from the Middle East, South Asia, Cyprus and the Balkans.

**Nicholas Kruter** ('11) is studying abroad in Senegal this fall.

**Bobby Urso** ('11) competed in golf tournaments and worked at a junior golf summer program.

**John Enos** ('11) took an intensive 3-week course in Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development at the London School of Economics. After that, he traveled around England and Scotland for 2 weeks, and then headed to Barcelona for his semester abroad.

**Sarah Connette** ('11) spent the summer as a self-employed gardener raising organic vegetables on about an acre of land in order to sell them at the Charlottesville City Farmers' Market. This fall she is studying in Jaipur, India with the School for International Training's program on culture and development.

**Caroline Emch** ('11) spent the summer in Sierra Leone, where she studied the role of community radio in promoting health education among rural populations, supported by an Abernethy Grant. She also conducted another research project at the Masanga Leprosy Clinic to study the impact of government health expenditures and the effectiveness of health education programs to stop the spread of leprosy.

**Krista Timeus** ('10) received an Abernethy Research Award and a grant from the Dean Rusk International Studies Program to conduct independent research in Brazil over the summer. Her project, entitled "Driven by sugar: The Brazilian ethanol fuel industry" explored the political, economic, social, and environmental aspects of Brazil's most developed biofuel: ethanol. She also attended the "Ethanol Summit 2009" at which Bill Clinton was the keynote speaker.

**Christoph Pross** ('10) traveled to London, Brussels, Riga, and Berlin to interview scholars and policy makers as part of his Kemp Scholars research project entitled "The Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Idea of and Prospects for European Integration." He also worked as an intern for part of the summer for the German airline Lufthansa in Frankfurt.

**Athan Makanski** ('10) spent what he describes as a “sweaty but stupendous summer” in the South Pacific Island of Samoa as a Kiva Fellow. There he advised the loan officers of a local microfinance institution on various Kiva policies and interviewed over 60 borrowers for an amateur journalism project. Read his blog posts here: <http://fellowsblog.kiva.org/category/countries/asia-the-pacific/samoa/>.

**Sara Bates** ('11) worked over the summer in Kabwe, Zambia with Family Health International to promote family planning methods and research. She served as a correspondent for 15 local clinics and helped collect data related to women's contraception patterns.

**Felix Fabiny** ('11) is spending the fall semester on the Davidson in Peru program. On Fridays, he volunteers at a Peruvian development organization, helping out with projects to strengthen rural communities outside Arequipa.

**Alex Dick-Godfrey** ('11) spent the summer in Amman, Jordan at the Qasid Language Institute this summer studying Arabic and traveling to parts of the Middle East.

**Sara Bates** ('11) was awarded a Dean Rusk Grant and an Abernethy Research Award allowing her to intern with Family Health International in rural Zambia for 7 weeks this summer. While in Kabwe, Zambia, she worked with 15 local clinics to research and increase the uptake of family planning methods.

**Joey Tabler** ('10) worked over the summer with the Department of Justice in Washington DC in the Environment and Natural Resources Division as a Student Aide to the Executive Office.

**Elliott Campbell** ('11) interned with Liberty Mutual Insurance Group and Easter Seals UCP group.

**Jessica Gallegos** ('11) devoted her summer to internships with the New York Legal Aid Society and the New York Legal Assistance Group. This fall she is currently studying abroad in the Syracuse in London program.

**Kalya McCann** ('11) participated in the Davidson in Cambridge Program and worked at a local law office.

**Reade Jacob** ('10) spent time volunteering for the Bob McDonnell campaign in Richmond/Chesterfield, Virginia. He also helped set up the Chesterfield "Virginia Victory" headquarters, made phone calls, went door to door to help garner support for McDonnell and other Republican candidates for the November election.

## Alumni News—Class of 2009

*Note to alums: we're still sitting on a backlog of emails you've sent us since March, and promise to post your news in forthcoming newsletters. In this issue, we're focusing on updates from our most recent graduates, who are doing well landing positions despite the very poor job market. Please send your news to Dr. Ken Menkhous, at [kemenkhaus@davidson.edu](mailto:kemenkhaus@ davidson.edu).*

**Ross White** ('09) began work as a Research Assistant at the Hastings Center in Garrison, NY in August. He is helping conduct interdisciplinary research on issues related to health care, medicine, biotechnology, and public policy.

**Audrey Pomeroy** ('09) is teaching English near Rennes, France.

**Andrew Whiteman** ('09) worked in Benin for Kiva, an online-based microfinance organization that allows people in developed countries to lend directly to people in the developing world who own small businesses. His responsibilities included interviewing small business owners about the effects of loans on their businesses and updating borrower profiles on Kiva's website.

**Davis Greene** ('09) landed a job with Development Alternatives, Inc., in Bethesda, where he is working on their projects in Afghanistan. He joins Davidson alum **Will Perrault** ('07) at DAI.

**Richmond Blake** ('09) is working in the Operations Center in the Office of the Secretary at the State Department in Washington. This fall, he will enroll in a two-year Master in Public Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Rebecca Morton** ('09) is working at a public charter middle school (MATCH School) in Boston, MA, where she tutors students and works for the school in a variety of different capacities, including coaching boys soccer and basketball. Another alum, **Laura Fontaine** ('09) is teaching at the same school. Rebecca encourages seniors interested in education and educational policy to learn more at [matchschool.org](http://matchschool.org) and says she is happy to take questions.

**Katy Finley** ('09) begins her postgraduate study on a Marshall Scholarship at the University of Oxford in late September. She will be spending the next two years getting an M.Phil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies there. Katy was spotted on Davidson's campus in early September visiting friends before leaving for Oxford.

**Marshall Worsham** ('09) stopped by on campus to say hello in late August before leaving for Oxford University, where he will take up graduate studies as Davidson College's 2009 Smith Scholar.

**Meghan Curtiss** ('09) moved to Washington, DC for a six month internship with Strat@comm, subsidiary of Fleishman-Hillard that focuses on strategic communications issues.

**Peter Evans** ('09) is substitute teaching at a local high school, and studying for the GREs, with hopes of entering into a program in security studies the next academic year.

**Myles Potter** ('09) is attending the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Jessica Walker** ('09) is attending graduate school at American University in Washington DC. She is pursuing her Masters in Public Policy with a concentration in International Development.

**Angelina Darrisaw** ('09) received a full scholarship to Wake Forest University's Babcock School of Management, where she begins coursework this fall, after an internship with ESPN over the summer.

**Kirby Teller** ('09) landed a job working with CARE in fund-raising and is living in DC, where he shares a living space with five other Davidson grads.

**Stephen Kalin** ('09) was awarded a paid one-year internship at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, the second Davidson student to secure this competitive position at AUC in the past five years (**Sean Brooks**, '04, was the other).

**Sarah Petrino** ('09) recently sent us a postcard from Botswana where she is currently traveling.

**Ellie Mazzarini** ('09) is living in DC (Capitol Hill) with two Davidson grads and working what she describes as "loooooong hours" at a small law firm in Falls Church, VA that focuses on immigration and litigation.

**Claire Holland** ('09) is heading off to Geneva to pursue French language studies and internship or work opportunities there.

**Alex Kalita** ('09) is working as a corporate paralegal at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York.

**Katie Rae Mulvey** ('09) works as a consultant on the Operation and Strategy team for Booz Allen Hamilton at their headquarters in McLean, Virginia.

**Cameron Barr** ('09) is enrolled at Vanderbilt Divinity School, in a three-year program that will prepare him for ordination in a church or possibly work in the non-profit sector.

**Moira McCormick** ('09) is working through AmeriCorps Project Conserve to promote local food and farming in the foothills of Polk County, North Carolina. Moira is conducting the outreach efforts for the county's Agricultural Economic Development Office through community gardens and conservation easements.

**Andrew Lovedale** ('09) signed a one year deal to play for the French professional basketball team St B Le Havre. The team plays in the highest professional league in France. He reports to us that he is working hard on basketball, the French language, and driving with a stick shift.

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Baron, Jordi	Pediatric Emergency Applied Research Network Children's National Medical Center
Bennett, Zach	National Journalism Center/ Weekly Standard
Boone, Kiara	National Coalition for the Homeless
Boyle, Carrie	Bright Beginnings, Inc.
Campeau, Marybeth	Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training
Carney, Nick	Fund for Peace
Cowan, Spencer	National Journalism Center/Washington Examiner
Fernandez, Diego	Senator Pryor (D-ARK)/ National Coalition for the Homeless
Hansen, Amanda	Center for American Progress
Hill, Nathan	Government Relations Office for Sallie Mae
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Phillips, Winston	Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)
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Schroeder, Philipp	Streit Council
Templeton, Emma	The Clapham Group
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