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A Note from the Chair

Two of the hallmarks of the Department of Political Science at GW have been the accomplishments and longevity of our faculty. Our faculty are prolific and their work receives honors inside GW and from outside organizations. During this academic year, our faculty published four new books, over 30 articles in scholarly journals and numerous op-eds, blog posts and other publications. **Evgeny Finkel** and **Yonatan Lupu** won awards for their scholarship (details on p. 2).

Our faculty are not just productive scholars, they are also effective teachers. **Danny Hayes**, **Cynthia McClintock**, **Kimberly Morgan** and **John Sides** won awards for teaching excellence (see p. 2).



*L to R: Columbian College Interim Dean Paul Wahlbeck, PSC Chair Bruce Dickson
and GW Provost Forrest Maltzman receive their 25th anniversary "Glass Apples"*

A different hallmark of the department has been the longevity of the faculty. For many, GW is the only place they have taught. This year, four of our faculty celebrated their 25th year at GW: **Alasdair Bowie**, **Bruce Dickson**, **Forrest Maltzman** and **Paul Wahlbeck** (see photo).

Although our department has been known for its longevity, during this academic year we said farewell to several colleagues who are moving to other universities. They include **Steve Biddle** (moving to Columbia), **Evgeny Finkel** (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies), **Elizabeth Saunders** (Georgetown), **Caitlin Talmadge** (Georgetown), **Ismail White** (Duke) and **Adam Ziegfeld** (Temple). We are already gearing up for a busy fall of interviews and job talks as we try to fill these slots.

We also said goodbye to two of our former doctoral students: **Jason Kindopp** in summer 2017 and **Lee Ann Fujii** in spring 2018. They were both thriving in their careers, and their passing came as a shock to all who knew them.

Let me end on a positive note: this year we also celebrated the graduation of almost 280 political science majors! Photos of our graduation reception are inside. It is moments like this when faculty and students come together to celebrate our achievements that make GW such a great place to work and study.

-Bruce Dickson, Department Chair

Scholarly Achievements

Political Science Undergraduates Honored with Prestigious Awards



PSC Associate Chair Eric Lawrence stands with department award winners at the Department of Political Science's pre-graduation reception.

♦ **Maria LaBella** and **Michaela Phillips** were awarded the John A. Morgan Prize for seniors planning to study law.

♦ **Tifenn Drouaud**, **Charley Lanter**, **Daniel Lyng** and **Nathaniel Schwamm** were awarded the Joshua Evans III Prize for top seniors in political science.

♦ **Robert Wu** was awarded the Howard C. Sacks Prize for a distinguished senior in the study of Far Eastern Affairs.

♦ **Kat Chevalier** won a GW SURE Award for her undergraduate research project "Media Coverage and the Gender Gap in Political Ambition."

Scholarly Achievements

Faculty Members Awarded for Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching

Scholarship:

* **Evgeny Finkel** was honored with the Association for the Study of Nationalities' Harriman Asn Rothschild Book Award for his publication *Ordinary Jews: Choice and Survival During the Holocaust* (Princeton, 2017).

* **Yonatan Lupu** received the Early Career Scholar Award from GW's Office of the Vice President for Research.

Teaching:

* **Danny Hayes** and **John Sides** won the Robert W. Kenny Prize for innovation in teaching of introductory courses at GW.

* **Cynthia McClintock** won ESIA's Harry Harding Teaching Prize for her sustained excellence in teaching.

* **Kimberly Morgan** (see photo) won the Writing in the Disciplines Best Assignment Design Award.

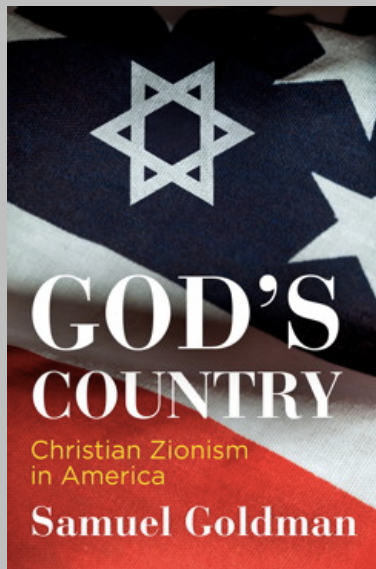


L to R: GW President Thomas LeBlanc, Professor Kimberly Morgan and GW Provost Forrest Maltzman

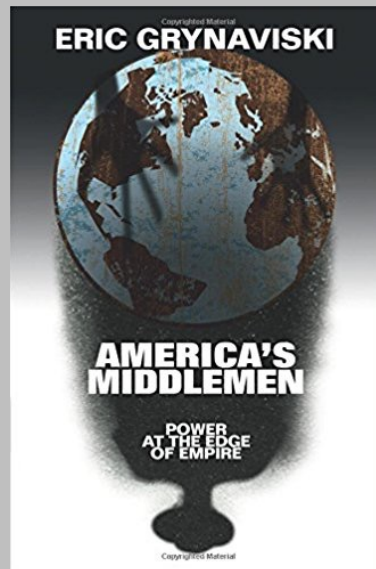
Faculty Publications

New Political Science Faculty Books for 2018

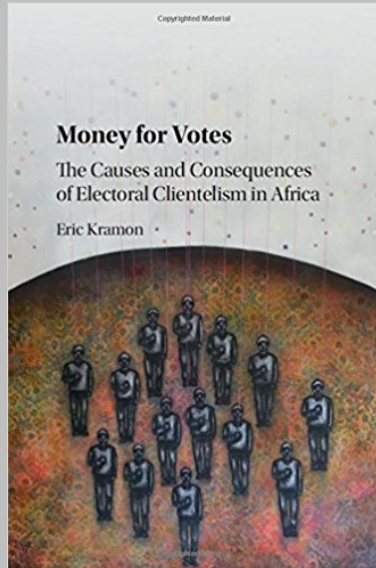
Four of our distinguished faculty members published new books in 2018.



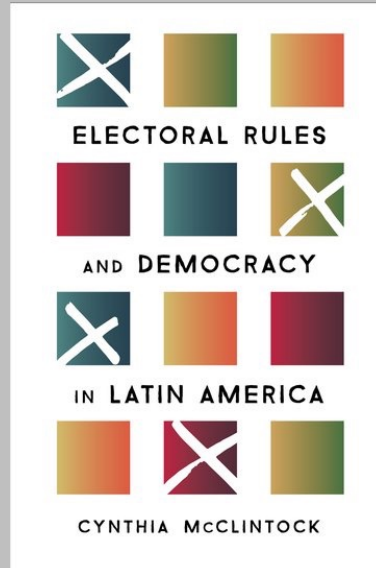
Samuel Goldman, *God's Country: Christian Zionism in America* (Penn, 2018).



Eric Grynaviski, *America's Middlemen: Power at the Edge of Empire* (Cambridge, 2018).



Eric Kramon, *Money for Votes: The Causes and Consequences of Electoral Clientelism in Africa* (Cambridge, 2018).



Cynthia McClintock, *Electoral Rules and Democracy in Latin America* (Oxford, 2018).



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Celebrating Commencement

Congratulations, 2018 Graduates!

The Department of Political Science hosted a morning breakfast and reception for our class of 2018 political science graduates on May 19. The reception preceded the commencement ceremony. Congratulations, Class of 2018! We are excited to hear about what you accomplish next!

Credit for photos: Renee Pineda, GW political science student, Class of 2019





ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Jacky Robin Clyman, BA '69, went on to work as an interpreter for the U.S. State Department after graduation in 1969 but moved to New York City to marry **Jeff Clyman**, JD '70. Both started Cockpit USA, a flight and military apparel business.

Gregory Brown, BA '73, has served as general counsel, executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Breitburn Management Company since 2007. He currently serves on the city council and is a former mayor of La Cañada Flintridge, California.

Kenneth Winneg, BA '82, will be working as an analyst on ABC News' election night decision desk this November for his 7th election cycle, going back to 2006. Kenneth's day job is managing director of survey research at the Annenberg Public Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

Joel Bolstein, BA '82, was named the chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission by Governor Wolf. PHRC is the state's civil rights commission and enforces the state's anti-discrimination laws. Joel is a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP.

Laura Wooster, BA '97, is a D.C.-based PR and marketing consultant, where she primarily works with high tech companies. She is also a circus artist, teaching and performing flying trapeze at Trapeze School New York - Washington D.C. and with Sweet Spot Aerial Productions.

Kwei-Bo Huang, MA '97, is now vice dean at the College of International Affairs, National ChengChi University in Taipei.

Nicholas Bronni, BA '03, currently serves as the deputy solicitor general of Arkansas. In that role, he is lead counsel for 39 states in an original jurisdiction case in the United States Supreme Court involving competing unclaimed property claims.

David C. Earnest, PhD '04, joined the faculty at the University of South Dakota in July 2017 as the Odeen-Swanson Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science.

Aaron Bock, BA '06, is the director of Birthright Israel Fellows at Taglit-Birthright Israel, where he is responsible for North American Birthright Israel trip staff. He lives in Brooklyn with his partner.

David Frenkil, BA '06, founded Centennial, an energy company, in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2014, after working as a project finance attorney. Centennial offers more affordable and reliable electricity to businesses through on-site solar and battery storage projects.

Christopher Stevenson, BA '12, is founder & chairman of the Minority Leadership Program at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration. Currently, Christopher is running for public office and working for the Maryland Senate.

Nicholas Carr, BA '16, served as the deputy campaign manager to the successful campaign for Francis Rooney - Congressman for Florida District-19. Nicholas now works on Capitol Hill serving as the director of special projects/digital media.

Have news to share? Send us a sentence or two telling us about your recent academic or professional accomplishments to polsci@gwu.edu and include "Class Note" and your degree/year in the subject of the email.



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