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Note From the Chair

This has been a lively year for the Political Science Department, with record numbers of majors, minors, and graduates, new hires and departures of faculty, and recognition of scholarly achievement for our students and faculty.

Many students come to GW specifically to study political science. Political science is the largest major in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS); we now have over 800 majors, and over 100 minors – an increase of 20 percent from just four years ago. In May 2019, we had over 400 graduating seniors! One of our seniors, **Jeremy Marsh**, was selected by the faculty to give the CCAS Celebration speech on commencement weekend. And one of our faculty members, **Danny Hayes**, was chosen by students to give the faculty address at the same event.

While we know GW is a great place to study political science, we might be biased. But we are not the only ones who think highly of political science at GW. *USA Today* ranked us #7 in the country and *Foreign Policy* magazine ranked us #8 in a recent survey.

This high profile not only helps attract students to GW, it also helps us attract talented faculty. Several of our faculty won awards this year for their scholarship (see p. 3 for the full list). I want to point out that this was the fourth year in a row that a member of the department won the university-wide award for early career scholarship! **Chris Warshaw** won this year, and joins previous winners **Harris Mylonas**, **Caitlin Talmadge**, and **Yon Lupu**.

Last year, several of our faculty departed for other universities. That allowed us to hire five new faculty in comparative politics, international security, and political theory who will start teaching here in fall 2019 and will be profiled in the fall newsletter. We also said goodbye to several of our valued colleagues: **Henry Nau** is set to retire after a long and distinguished career (see p. 5 for a full profile); **John Sides** is moving to Vanderbilt; and **Yamil Velez** is moving to Columbia University.

On behalf of the department's current faculty, students, and staff, let me wish you a summer full of opportunities and accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Bruce Dickson

Chair, Department of Political Science



Scholarly Achievements

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Spring commencement week (May 16-19, 2019) was a busy one for the Department of Political Science at GW. We are so proud of our graduates from the undergraduate program, master's program, and doctoral program. Congratulations, 2019 graduates. We are excited to hear about what you accomplish next!

The Department of Political Science hosted a commencement breakfast for political science graduates and their families on May 18, 2019. At the event, the following outstanding students were awarded special department prizes by Associate Chair **Eric Lawrence**:

- ◆ **Reuben Bank** and **Sarah Winslow** were awarded the John A. Morgan Prize for graduates planning to study law.
- ◆ **John Broderick, Connor James, Jeremy Marsh, Bryce Robins, and Christopher Vito** were awarded the Joshua Evans III Prize for top seniors in political science.
- ◆ **Melanie Tuberman** was awarded the Howard C. Sacks Prize for a distinguished senior in the study of Far Eastern affairs.
- ◆ **Brian Brew** was awarded the Lee Sigelman Prize for a student entering a PhD program in political science.



*Director of Graduate Studies **Eric Grynaviski** with M.A. graduate **Marguerita Ten Houten***



*Ph.D. graduates (left to right) **Jonathan Hack, Clinton Jenkins, Fabiana Perera and Annelle Sheline***



***Melanie Tuberman** (left)*



***Reuben Bank** (right)*



***Sarah Winslow** (left)*

Scholarly Achievements

Doctoral Student Wins 3MT Dissertation Award

Congratulations to PhD candidate **Elizabeth (E.B.) Pertner** for her first place win in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition hosted by the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at GW earlier this spring. E.B.'s presentation was titled "Watching the Watchdog" and was based on her dissertation.



***E.B. Pertner** wins first place in the 3MT Competition
Photo credit: Long Nguyen, CCAS*

Scholarly Achievements

Faculty Win Distinguished Awards

Sarah Binder: American Political Science Association, Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize and Gladys M. Kammerer Award for her book *The Myth of Independence: How Congress Governs the Federal Reserve* (co-authored with Mark Spindel); and the inaugural Barbara Sinclair Lectureship which is awarded annually to recognize achievement in promoting understanding of the U.S. Congress and legislative politics

Henry Farrell: Friedrich Schiedel Prize for Politics & Technology

Charlie Glaser: GW Office of the Vice President for Research Distinguished Scholar Award

Eric Grynaviski: International Studies Association, Best Book in Diplomatic Studies for *America's Middlemen: Power at the Edge of Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Eric Kramon: American Political Science Association's African Politics Conference Group, Best Article published in 2017 with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon. 2017. "Reducing or Reinforcing In-Group Preferences? An Experiment on Information and Ethnic Voting." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12(4): 437-77

Cynthia McClintock: OVPR Research Mentorship Award; Latin American Studies Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Chris Warshaw: OVPR Early Career Scholar Award

Faculty & Staff News**Department Baseball Outing at Nats Stadium**

Professors, PhD students, and staff members of the Department of Political Science attended the Washington Nationals vs. Philadelphia Phillies baseball game on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. It was a 7:05 P.M. game and the weather held out for us! We are so glad to have been able to get so many members of the department together for a fun change of pace. A Nats win was just the cherry on top of a nice evening!



Faculty, staff and graduate students attend a baseball game together. Go Nats!

Faculty & Staff News**In Memoriam: Hugh LeBlanc**

Hugh LeBlanc, a long time member and former chair of our department, passed away on June 7, 2017, at his residence at Amelia Island, FL. He was born in Tallulah, LA in 1927. Hugh received his BA from Louisiana State University, his MA from University of Tennessee, and his PhD from the University of Chicago.

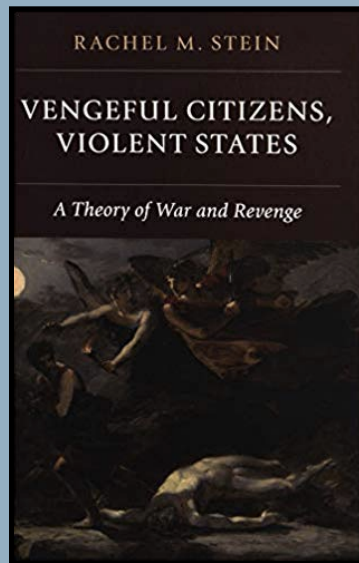
Hugh served in the United States Navy in World War II from 1945-1946 after enlisting at the age of 17 and again from 1952-1955, rising to the rank of LTJG. He spent his academic career at George Washington University, where he was a professor of political science for 35 years and voted Chairman of the department three times. One of Hugh's proudest professional moments was when students elected him the outstanding professor. Hugh was the author of numerous political science articles and textbooks.

After a long-term residency in Lake Barcroft, VA, Hugh moved to Amelia Island, where he enjoyed the sea and golf with his wife of 64 years, Shirley. In addition to Shirley, he is survived by his daughter, Leslie LeBlanc, of Nicholasville, KY, and son, Alex, of Kensington MD.

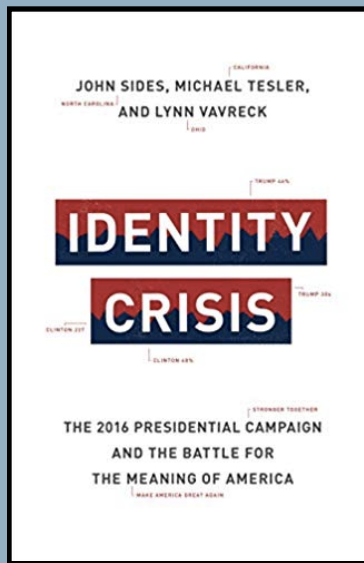
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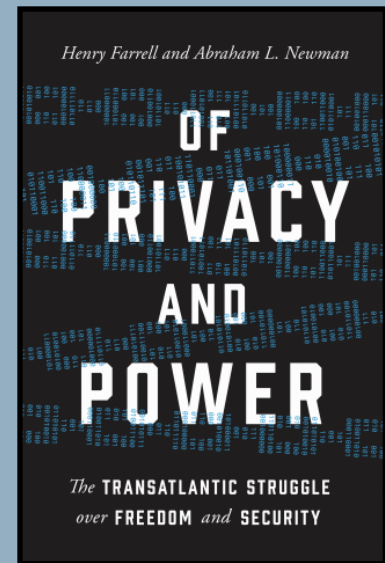
New Faculty Books



Rachel Stein, *Vengeful Citizens, Violent States: A Theory of War and Revenge* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).



John Sides, Michael Tesler, and Lynn Vavreck, *Identity Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the Meaning of America* (Princeton University Press, 2018).



Henry Farrell and Abraham L. Newman, *Of Privacy and Power: The Transatlantic Struggle over Freedom and Security* (Princeton University Press, 2019).

Faculty & Staff News

Henry Nau Retires from GW

Henry Nau has been a professor at GW since January 1973. During that time, he taught a variety of classes regarding American foreign policy and international relations more generally. He was the first recipient of the Elliott School's Harry Harding Teaching Prize in May 2007.

Henry is a prolific and accomplished scholar. He is the author or editor of 11 books, including the widely used textbook *Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions, and Ideas*, now in its fifth edition. He has received grants and fellowships from organizations such as the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Smith Richardson Foundation, and many others.

In addition to his teaching and research, Henry has provided admirable service to GW and the US government. He served as associate dean in the Elliott School in 1988-1992. He was director (1989-2013) and later co-director (2014-2016) of the US-Japan-South Korea Legislative Exchange Program, a long-standing and successful program of bringing American, Japanese, and Korean legislators together for dialogue on public policy and foreign policy issues. From 1981-1983, he served as a senior staff member of the National Security Council and director of the Division for International Economic Affairs (including East-West trade).

We wish Henry all the best as he begins his well-deserved retirement.



Henry Nau

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

William Scott McGeary, BA, '77, was inducted into the Arlington, VA Business Hall of Fame by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Director of State Public Policy for Washington Gas, he was elected secretary of the Arlington County Electoral Board.

Kathleen Grace Walsh, BA '80, continues in the private practice of law. She is currently the president of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Inn of Court and Board Member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Jay A. Rigdon, BA '81, recently completed six years as a board member of the Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association. He is currently practicing law with the firm of Rockhill Pinnick LLP in Warsaw, IN.

Dominic (Mick) Angelichio, BA '87, is the president of Judge Healthcare and has been a leader in the healthcare staffing and search business for over 30 years.

Christal Chacon, BA '92, works for the Los Angeles Fire Department as an analyst.

Terrence Casey, PhD '00, has been named the Alfred R. Schmidt Endowed Chair for Excellence in Teaching at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN.

Erik Bottcher, BA '01, is chief of staff to the speaker of the New York City Council, Corey Johnson.

Jason B. Blank, BA '02, a lawyer with Haber Blank, LLP in Fort Lauderdale, FL, was recently awarded the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "Top 40 Under 40" award for lawyers in South Florida. He was also recently sworn in as the president of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Samuel Morse, BA '06, had an op-ed published in the *Baltimore Sun*. Read it here: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0706-tie-breaker-20180705-story.html>

Michael Brier, BA '18, is currently attending Georgetown University in pursuit of a Master's of Applied Intelligence. His goal is to become a policy analyst for the Department of Defense.

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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