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## ■ NEW ADMINISTRATOR



Wendy Ryckman

The Department welcomes its new Administrator, Wendy Ryckman, who joined us in January 2011. Wendy takes over from Rose Mason who has taken up a post as Manager of Health Sciences Graduate Studies. Wendy comes to us with more than 9 years of management experience working at the University – first within the Office of the Registrar, and most recently, Financial Aid & Scholarships. Good luck to Rose and welcome Wendy!



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Robert O'Brien

**One busy academic year has gone by** and another is just beginning. As this newsletter chronicles, faculty have been busy with publishing and teaching, as well as participating in community service. For example, Tony Porter and Catherine Frost

have been serving the field of Political Science by working on ethics guidelines and standards at the national level. We also continue to see faculty arrivals and departures with a retirement and the appointment of a comparative politics specialist and a new teaching professor. New opportunities provided by the Department such as its Queen's Park Day give students the opportunity to excel. The establishment of the William Coleman Fund is another innovation that will allow us to support student endeavours. The upcoming year will be equally busy and productive as we continue a tradition of teaching and research excellence. ■

Robert O'Brien  
Professor and Chair

## QUEEN'S PARK DAY FOR GRAD STUDENTS

**June 1st was** McMaster University Graduate Student Political Science Day at Queen's Park in Toronto. Professors Karen Bird and Henry Jacek and 19 master's students spent the day hearing encouraging comments about a career in the Ontario Public Service (OPS) and generally getting familiar with the work of Queen's Park.

The programme was arranged by Emma Stanley-Cochrane, M.A. McMaster Political Science 2008, now Information & Research Coordinator, in The Cabinet Office and The Executive Council Office of Ontario. Other Political Science graduate alumni proving advice and encouragement to our current master's students included Maegan Baird (2009) Alexander Bishop (2008), Marianne Nikolic (1999) and Konrad Stypka (2008).

The importance of the day was highlighted by discussion sessions with Shelly Jamieson, Secretary of The Cabinet and Head of The Ontario Public Service and her immediate predecessor Tony Dean, a former McMaster Graduate student in Sociology.

The students were taken on a tour of the Legislative Building and they attended Question Period in the Main Legislative Chamber where they were introduced by The Speaker of The House. Finally, they had a session with Ted McMeekin, another McMaster grad, and now member of the Provincial Parliament for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale within which McMaster is located. ■

# FOCUS ON ETHICS

■ **Two of our Faculty** have been actively involved in debates around ethics in research and the Political Science profession. Former Chair Tony Porter reports on his work on the Tri-Council Ethics Policies while Undergraduate Chair Catherine Frost outlines her participation in the Canadian Political Science Association's efforts to develop a code of conduct.



**Tony Porter –**  
*New ethical guidelines for research with human participants*

The scandal involving the News of the World in the

UK has highlighted what can go wrong if the search for information about humans is carried out unethically. However, overly burdensome rules can also seriously hinder the growth of knowledge. Critics have argued for many years that the rules governing research ethics in Canada, the Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS), were based on an overly narrow biomedical model that might, for instance, work well in protecting children in clinical trials, but not for research on powerful political or business leaders, or involving complex relations of trust in communities. Over the past few years I became very involved in advocating for rules that were more appropriate for the varieties of research that political scientists and other social sciences and humanities scholars do. This included working with the Canadian Political Science Association, chairing a research ethics committee at the Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences, sitting on an ad-hoc consultative committee set up by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and learning about the nuts and bolts of research ethics by sitting on the McMaster Research Ethics Board. In December 2010, after a long consultation process, a new TCPS was released. It is much improved, but some questions remain about the implementation of these changes when local Boards review research.



**Catherine Frost –**  
*CPSA Professional Ethics Committee*

For the first time ever, the Board of the Canadian

Political Science Association has decided to adopt a code of professional ethics. I was invited, along with Ian Green (York University) and Caroline Andrews (University of Ottawa) to form the first CPSA Professional Ethics Committee. This committee will draft the new code, along with serving a three-year appointment as a standing committee on ethics issues. The code itself will be a set of voluntary guidelines that reflect the "best practices" of our discipline, rather than a list of actionable rules that Association members must follow under pain of sanction. The hope is that by articulating such ideals, we can provide a starting point for discussions on how to resolve any difficulties that arise. In addition to looking at ethics practices in other disciplines and national associations, the Committee solicited feedback from Association members on the kinds of ethics issues they face in their professional lives, and where they felt guidance and clarity was most needed. A lively and productive discussion of ethics issues was held at the Canadian Political Science Association meetings in Waterloo in May, and there are plans to continue the discussion at the 2012 meetings in Edmonton, at which time a preliminary draft of the code itself will be presented.

# FOCUS ON GIFTS



**Will Coleman**

■ **Through the generous donation** of a former faculty member, William Coleman, a new fund

has been established to support the research of PhD students.

**The William Coleman Fund** will offer financial assistance to PhD students conducting field research. Dr. Coleman served as professor of Political Science at McMaster for 32 years. Beginning in the field of Canadian politics and then moving on to global politics, Dr. Coleman authored a number of key studies on the Quebec Independence movement, business and politics and edited a seven volume series on globalization and autonomy with UBC Press. Dr. Coleman has been the recipient of a 3M Teaching Fellowship, a Trudeau Fellowship and is a member of the Royal Society. He is presently a CIGI Chair in Globalization and Public Policy at the University of Waterloo. Dr. Coleman's gift to the Department is typical of the years of dedication and service he has provided McMaster's Political Science Department. We thank him for his generosity. ■

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## ■ FOCUS ON PhD SUCCESS IN EMPLOYMENT

A number of McMaster PhDs have recently secured employment in the academic and research fields. **Heather McKeen Edwards** has taken up a tenure track position at Bishop's University. **Jean Michele Moniston** has secured a tenure track position at Glendon College at York University. **Matias Margulis** has been awarded a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany and started a tenure track position at University of Northern British Columbia. **Jessica Edge** has been hired as a researcher on food policy by the Conference Board of Canada.

## FOCUS ON FACULTY



Katherine Boothe

■ We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Katherine Boothe** joined our Department on 1 January 2011 as a tenure track assistant professor. Following an Honours BA at

the University of Alberta and an MA at the University of British Columbia, Dr. Boothe earned her PhD in Political Science from the University of British Columbia where she specialized in Canadian politics and comparative politics. Dr. Boothe's dissertation compared pharmaceutical programs and social policy development in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Boothe will be teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in comparative politics and health policy. Her expertise in the health policy field compliments and broadens the Department's strength in public policy while her understanding of the Canadian, Australian and UK political systems contributes to the Department's work on advanced industrialized democracies.



Todd Alway

■ We are also pleased to announce that **Dr. Todd Alway** joined our Department on 1 July 2011 as our first teaching professor. Dr. Alway holds an Honours BA in History

and Political Science from McMaster, an MA in Political Science from York University and a PhD in Political Science from Carleton University. His research interests focus on the historical, political and epistemic significance of economic indicators.

Dr. Alway previously served as a highly effective and popular instructor at McMaster winning teaching awards for his work. He will be applying his skills to our first year Introduction to Government and Politics class and our third year Research Methods, Statistics and Political Analysis course. In addition, Dr. Alway will be developing a new third year course called "Practical Politics" designed to give students some hands on experience with the political process.



John Seaman

■ It is with much pride but some sadness that we wish a happy retirement to **John Seaman** who officially retired on 1 July 2011. John arrived at McMaster in 1976 and

quickly became an important member of the Political Theory group. Dr. Seaman's research and intellectual interests focused on examining the implications of the modern principle of equality for economic relations, political authority, and religion, particularly in the writings of Hobbes, Locke, and others in the liberal-democratic tradition. In recent years John taught the second year Introduction to Political Theory course and a fourth year honours seminar in Liberal Democratic Theory. At the graduate level he taught a number of different theory courses including "Theories of RealPolitik." John's guidance was valuable to several generations of undergraduates and graduate students as he pressed them to think deeply about political theory and politics. John's service to the Department was exemplary and he could always be counted on to consider problems in a deliberative manner. He was an outstanding colleague and a wonderful teacher. Luckily for the Department, John has agreed to do some teaching in his retirement. Best wishes, John!

*John Seaman pictured here with his wife, Sara Woods at his retirement dinner held at the University Club.*



## FOCUS ON POST-DOC



Akm Ahsan Ullah

■ **The Department is pleased** to welcome **Akm Ahsan Ullah** as a visiting post-doctoral fellow. Dr. Ullah's fellowship is funded by CIHR and he will be working with Professor Shafique Huque. The title of his research is South Asian Refugee and Immigrants with HIV/AIDS in Canada: Exploring Discrimination and Vulnerabilities. The experiences of HIV/AIDS in the Canadian South Asian community is under researched as little attention has been paid to the problem to date. Dr. Ullah's research will uncover the degree to which immigrants and refugees from South Asia are able to access the health care system for treatment. Prior to coming to McMaster, Dr. Ullah received his PhD from the City University of Hong Kong and worked at the American University of Cairo and Saint Mary's University in Halifax. ■

# FOCUS ON OTHER NEWS

**Dr. Nigel Fisher** (McMaster Hons.) and M.A., McMaster Political Science received The Order of Ontario from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at a ceremony at Queen's Park on Thursday, January 27th. Nigel is Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations-Haiti Before Nigel took up this position in mid-2010, he was President of UNICEF Canada.

PhD student **Mohammed A. Khan** won the Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Award from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in Calgary for the Best Graduate Paper.

**Robert Leone** (PhD 2009) was selected as the Ontario provincial Progressive

Conservative Candidate for the riding of Cambridge – North Dumfries.

**Leanna Katz** was awarded a McMaster University Undergraduate Student Research Award. The title of her project is: "State Bodies Meet Women's Bodies: Covered and Uncovered"

Former student **Jesse Bauman** has been working in Sri Lanka with an NGO. In an article published in the Hamilton Spectator Bauman writes about how little some people have in devastated Sri Lanka, and why we should care.

Three undergraduate students - **Amisha Shah, Anja Kukic** and **Chelsea Chalder** who participated in the Department's Field

Placement in Policy Planning and Delivery course worked with the Immigrant Worker's Centre at Montcalm Community House to design a children's playground for a local community in Hamilton.

**Dana Gold**, (MA IR 2011), was awarded a scholarship for her major research paper by the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

**Imad Al-Sukkari** (MA IR 2010) has been appointed Operations Advisor for the National Council on Canada Arab Relations.

**Ina Pangilinan** (MA PolSci 2011) has received a research internship at the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

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