Department of Political Science

The MIT Political Science Department remains one of the country’s leading departments. It continues to attract top-quality graduate students and junior faculty and serves as the home of several important educational and research activities.

Since 2010, we have gone through a continued rebuilding of the department to full staffing levels. With the exception of upcoming searches to replace departing faculty members in Comparative Politics and Security Studies all of our faculty slots are now occupied. We continue to take steps to strengthen the graduate program, to develop stronger ties with other departments and research initiatives at MIT, and to continue to foster the research creativity of our faculty.

This past year, the department has focused on the following:

- Maintaining and strengthening the department’s finances so that we can support a healthy (and competitive) PhD program, and hire to fill all open faculty slots
- Reviewing and upgrading our graduate and undergraduate programs so that we offer our students the very best possible education in politics, policy, and the underlying methods required to understand and evaluate competing political positions and policy options
- Increasing the quantity and quality of scholarly activities occurring within and sponsored by the department, in order to enhance both our visibility (within MIT, the discipline, and the world,) and our intellectual community
- Fostering norms (culture) within the department so that we can maintain a rich and nurturing intellectual community
- Building stronger ties to other departments and research centers at MIT, including examining ways to participate in the new MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing

Although we still have much work to do, we have made significant progress on each of these tasks.

Fundraising

We must continue to make progress on raising funds for our graduate program in order to reach our goal of admitting 13 to 15 students every year. Although permanent fellowship funds from external donors (such as Andronico Luksic, Jon Borschow, and Nike) have gone a long way toward establishing three endowed graduate fellowships, we still have a major gap. We are working hard to close this gap. PhD alum Jesse White established a fund for graduate student support, and in spring 2019 we hosted a second luncheon at which he met the graduate student to benefit from his generosity.
Faculty Searches and Diversity Initiatives

In AY2019, we undertook a junior search in American politics and invited five candidates to give job talks. We offered the position to Andrew McCall, a PhD candidate at the University of California at Berkeley, who declined our offer. We then offered the position to Asya Magazinnik, a PhD candidate at Princeton University. She accepted our offer and will start as an assistant professor on July 1, 2019. Along with attracting candidates from underrepresented minority (URM) groups to the department through our regular faculty search process, we participate in the provost- and School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences- (SHASS) sponsored Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship program. This fall we are fortunate to host two scholars in this program, Lucas de Abreu Maia who comes to us from the University of California at San Diego, and Andrew Thompson coming from Northwestern University. In addition, Professor Ariel White and PhD student Joan Joseph publicized our program at the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, an academic program for top undergraduates from URM groups interested in political science careers.

Intellectual Commons

We continue to support a series of research-related activities, namely, the Political Experiments Research Lab; Seminar on the State and Capitalism since 1800; International Political Economy Speaker Series; Security Studies Working Group; Security Studies program seminars; Latin Americanists Working Group; Political Methodology Research Workshops and Speaker Series; Poverty, Violence, and Development Working Group; Governance Lab (GOV/LAB) conferences and seminars; the Boston/Cambridge Election Science group; the Graduate Student Work-in-Progress group; and Comparative Politics Speaker Series. In addition, Professor Bernardo Zacka started the popular workshop Social and Political Theory. These seminars and workshops have created a sense of intellectual energy and excitement within the department.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) continues as a very helpful resource for graduate students and the department alike. The GSC serves as a platform for student programming and a forum for student concerns. The GSC runs a student-to-student mentor program; organizes social events; has added a session to the annual math refresher course for incoming graduate students about how to approach graduate school and comport oneself; and with the department co-sponsors an annual dinner for women graduate students and faculty. In spring 2018 the GSC’s Political Science Gender and Diversity Working Group conducted a department climate survey with input from students, faculty, the Title IX Office, Office of General Counsel, and Institutional Research. The survey has become a model for other units around MIT as they try to assess departmental climate as well.

The Political Methodology Lab, MIT GOV/LAB, and the MIT Election Data and Science Lab continue to grow in personnel and scope. Our political science faculty members (Chappell Lawson, Michael Piore, Richard Samuels, Suzanne Berger, and Ben Ross Schneider) continue to play a major role in the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) program.
Professor Charles Stewart is chairing our Political Science and Computation Committee, which also includes Professors Rich Nielsen, Teppei Yamamoto, Lily Tsai, Bernardo Zacka, and In Song Kim. The committee wrote a white paper on the relationship between political science and computing, and are currently discussing additional ways to interact with the new college.

We also hosted several discipline-wide events that help increase our visibility in the profession. We hosted the International Political Economy Society’s annual conference in November 2018 and the Political Methodology Society’s annual conference (PolMeth) in July 2019. Our annual conferences in American politics and in the political behavior of development have become popular events, enhancing our intellectual commons and providing opportunities and exposure for our junior faculty and graduate students. In short, we are making progress on all the key issues facing the departmental issues we need to address if we are to meet our goals of becoming one of the country’s top five departments and reinventing the discipline.

**Educational Initiatives**

The department’s core mission is education, starting on the MIT campus and extending into the wider world. Fulfillment of that mission is centered on the undergraduate and graduate programs, both of which have established equilibria following reforms of several years ago.

After steady improvements to the graduate program, we have achieved a state of equilibrium—we are consistently offering our graduate students the courses they need to make progress in the program and compete in the job market. Our political methodology classes are increasingly attracting students from other departments at MIT and Harvard. In August 2018 the Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS) announced the official launch of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Statistics (IDPS) for students participating in five MIT doctoral programs, including Political Science. The goal is to provide preparation in statistics and data science that complements a student’s primary PhD program, as well as additional advising focused on the statistical and data science aspects of a student’s research and dissertation. The program consists of a set of five classes in probability, statistics, computation and statistics, data analysis, and a doctoral seminar, along with a thesis focus in statistics. Specific program requirements can vary by department. This year one of our incoming PhD students has also been admitted to IDPS, and we expect this to be a valuable recruiting tool in the future.

On the undergraduate front, the faculty developed new subjects aimed at increasing our enrollments during AY2019. These include 17.395(J) Innovation Systems for Science, Technology, Energy, Manufacturing, and Health; and 17.835 Machine Learning and Data Science in Politics from Professor In Song Kim. Daniel Hidalgo is offering a second iteration of his 17.831 Data and Politics class as well, and Rich Nielsen is developing a computation and international relations class and Bernardo Zacka an artificial intelligence (AI) and ethics class. We also introduced a nonthesis track for political science majors to help facilitate double majoring.
In addition to its own curriculum, the department is the home to a number of internships and other hands-on experiences, mostly for undergraduates, which allow science and engineering students to engage with policymakers at home and with laboratories and industries abroad. Two worth highlighting here are the MISTI and Washington, DC internship programs.

Although MISTI is formally affiliated with the Center for International Studies (CIS), almost all of the faculty directors of the country programs are from the Department of Political Science, as is the overall director of MISTI, Professor Chappell Lawson. In addition to being an important part of the education of hundreds of MIT students each year, MISTI serves as a model of international education among other colleges and universities with a large number of students in science and engineering.

The MIT Washington, DC Summer Internship Program continues to provide MIT’s technically oriented students opportunities to experience how institutions vital to their later success operate. It also provides the federal government and other policy makers early access to the best young scientists and engineers in America. Sixteen undergraduates from three of the Institute’s five schools (School of Engineering; School of Science; and School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences) were chosen to participate in summer 2019. They will be working at the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Government Accountability Office, the Environmental Protection Agency, the World Bank Group, the Council of Economic Advisors, the Federal Communication Commission, the Congressional Research Service, the Pew Research Center, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the Sentencing Project, and the US Nuclear Industry Council.

In addition, every summer and academic year, Political Science faculty work with 10 to 15 students across fields through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, to include projects on such topics as big data and machine learning, data initiatives in election science, and innovation in citizen engagement and government responsiveness.

**Student Recruitment, Placement, and Enrollment**

The department reviewed 385 applications for the PhD program, up one from last year. In 2018, 12 of 31 admits accepted, which is our ideal cohort size. In 2019, 14 of 33 admits accepted, which put us slightly above target. This year we had a couple of significant admissions outcomes. The number of applicants from URM groups increased to 27, up from 18 in 2018. In addition, we successfully recruited two models and methods admits, one of whom has also been admitted to the IDSS’s newly launched IDPS program.

Our graduating doctoral students continue to garner rewarding and prestigious appointments in higher education and industry. In 2018 our PhD graduates secured faculty appointments at Georgetown University, Brown University, UC Merced, Boston University, George Washington University, McGill University, Cornell College, and George Mason University, as well as postdoctoral fellowships at Yale University, Stanford University’s Asian and Pacific Center, and Stanford University’s Center for International Security and Cooperation.
Undergraduate enrollment in our classes for AY2019 was 766, down from last year. In AY2018, undergraduate enrollments were 858 and in the AY2017 they were 733. The number of undergraduate political science majors is 12, down from last year. We have 137 concentrators (in all graduation years) up from 118 last year, and 48 minors, down from 55 last year (24 in political science, 18 in public policy, and 6 in applied international studies).

Our graduate students received many prestigious awards in AY2019. Two students were awarded Smith Richardson fellowships, and two more were honored as Graduate Women of Excellence. Other awards received include a Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy grant, and the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) 2019 Gabriel A. Almond Award for the best dissertation in comparative politics, and best dissertation of the European Politics and Society section.

**Faculty**

We are delighted to report that M. Taylor Fravel was promoted to full professor and Teppei Yamamoto to associate professor with tenure this year. In addition, In Song Kim was promoted to associate professor without tenure.

**Awards and Grants**

Notable awards, grants, recognitions, and important professional responsibilities given to faculty members during AY2019, include the following:

Mitsui Professor of Political Science Adam Berinsky was awarded a National Science Foundation Political Science Program Grant with Associate Professor Teppei Yamamoto ($500,000).

Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science Andrea Louise Campbell was awarded the Kluge Chair in American Law and Governance in the John W. Kluge Center for the Library of Congress for fall 2019.

Silverman (1968) Family Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science Devin Caughey was awarded the Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award from the APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, for *The Unsolid South: Mass Politics and National Representation in a One-Party Enclave* (Princeton University Press).

Assistant Professor Volha Charnysh received two American Political Science Association awards for her dissertation—the 2018 Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Prize in European Politics and Society, and the 2018 APSA Best Dissertation Prize in Migration and Citizenship.

Professor Nazli Choucri was awarded an IDSS seed fund grant.

Professor Fotini Christia was awarded a joint Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Governance Initiative grant for Gender Sensitive Journalist Training in Iraq, a research clinical trial ($50,000); a DARPA grant to study decision making via hierarchy of network games ($100,000); and an IDSS seed fund grant with CSAIL professor Konstantinos
Daskalakis in support of research on assessing Syrian refugee integration using call detail records from Turkey ($75,000).

Professor M. Taylor Fravel was awarded a MISTI Global seed fund grant.

Class of 1956 Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science In Song Kim is completing a two-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant.

Total Professor of Political Science and Contemporary Africa Evan Lieberman served as the Senior Democracy Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Associate Professor Vipin Narang was awarded a Smith Richardson Foundation, Junior Faculty Grant ($60,000).

Professor Kenneth Oye served a fellowship at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. He was co-PI on an International Risk Governance Counsel workshop grant from the Fondation Brocher, and was awarded a grant from the Netherland Organization for Scientific Research.

Ford International Professor of Political Science Barry Posen received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Innovative Approaches to Grand Strategy from the University of Notre Dame’s International Security Center. In addition, his article “The Rise of Illiberal Hegemony” was chosen by Foreign Affairs as one of its Best in Print articles in 2018.

Ford Professor of Political Science Kathleen Thelen received an honorary doctoral degree conferred by the University of Copenhagen (Denmark). She was co-awarded a Hewlett Foundation grant (shared $560,000), an Otto Mønsted Foundation Fellowship, a Donald Gordon Fellowship, and her APSA task force was awarded an NSF grant for research on women’s advancement in political science.

Associate Professor Lily Tsai renewed grants from Wellspring Philanthropic and the Hewlett Foundation totaling around two million dollars in support. She received new support from the Abdul Latif Jameel World Education Lab, and from MITx for behavioral science in the field as director of the GOV/LAB.

Assistant Professor Ariel White was awarded a grant from the MIT Election and Data Science Lab for new initiatives in election science ($9,992).

Alfred Henry and Jean Morrison Hayes Career Development Associate Professor Teppei Yamamoto was awarded a National Science Foundation Political Science Program Grant with Professor Berinsky ($500,000).

Assistant Professor Bernardo Zacka was awarded the 2018 Charles Taylor Book Award for the “best book in political science that employs or develops interpretive methodologies and methods,” by the Interpretive Methodologies and Methods group of the American Political Science Association. He also received a grant from the dean of SHASS to develop a class on the ethics and politics of artificial intelligence.
Leaves, Departures, and Visitors

Professors Fotini Christia, Stephen Van Evera, In Song Kim, Evan Lieberman, Kenneth Oye, Ben Ross Schneider, Kathleen Thelen, and Ariel White were on leave all year. Professors Devin Caughey, F. Daniel Hidalgo, Vipin Narang, and Charles Stewart were on leave for fall semester.

Research and Publications

The faculty of the Department of Political Science are prolific in their publication activity across a variety of topics. The faculty’s research is funded through a combination of outside grants and internal Institute funds.

The following is a representative sampling of faculty research and publications over the past year.

Raphael Dorman-Helen Starbuck Professor of Political Science Suzanne Berger presented her research at numerous events, including the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics conference in New York.

Professor Berinsky served on three editorial boards, as a reviewer for 15 publishers, and as editor of the Chicago Studies in American Politics. He co-authored “Does Truth Matter to Voters? The Effects of Correcting Political Misinformation in an Australian Sample” in Royal Society Open Science.

Professor Campbell joined the team authoring the textbook We the People, writing five chapters, as well as 18 introductions and conclusions for the 12th edition. She co-edited a volume on the Affordable Care Act for the Russell Sage Foundation and published “Tax Designs and Tax Attitudes” in the Forum. She reviewed numerous book manuscripts and articles for 16 publishers and journals, and serves on five editorial boards. Campbell shared her research at numerous seminars and discussions, including presenting the keynote address “Race and Taxes,” at the Toronto Political Development Workshop.

Professor Caughey published the book The Unsolid South. He was an author or co-author on five published articles, and shared his research at five different seminars, meetings, and conferences, including “Item Response Theory for Conjoint Experiments” for the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Professor Charnysh served as a reviewer for five publications, wrote one book review, published the article “Diversity, Institutions, and Economic Development: Post-WWII Displacement in Poland” in the American Political Science Review, and presented her research at 12 different seminars, workshops, and conferences.

Professor Choucri co-authored the book International Relations in the Cyber Age: The Co-Evolution Dilemma with David D. Clark (MIT Press). She shared her expertise and research with 10 different seminars and strategic sessions, including AI World Executive Roundtable session, “Global Focus: AI around the World” at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. She was a reviewer for five different journals and publishers, and served on three different editorial and scientific councils, including the Science Board of the Santa Fe Institute.
Professor Christia shared her expertise at four different talks and conferences, including “Imams and Businessmen: Gulenist Service Provision in Turkey” with the Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim societies in Abu Dhabi. She also co-authored seven different publications and papers, as well as two book chapters.

Professor Fravel published the book Active Defense: China’s Military Strategy Since 1949 (Princeton University Press), and co-authored Debating China-US Strategic Competition: A CJIP Reader (Chinese Journal of International Politics). He shared his research and expertise at eight different seminars and colloquia, including congressional committee testimony, a National Intelligence Council workshop, and a seminar for the Naval War College. He continues service on several national platforms, including as a PI for the Maritime Awareness Project, the US-China Crisis Management Project steering committee for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and on the board of directors of the National Committee on US-China Relations. Fravel is an editorial board member and reviewer for numerous publications.

Cecil and Ida Green Associate Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo co-authored three articles, including “Norms versus Action: Why Voters Fail to Sanction Malfeasance in Brazil” in the American Journal of Political Science, and shared his research at a talk at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor Kim published five articles, including “The Effects of Political Institutions on the Extensive and Intensive Margins of Trade” in International Organization. He shared his research at 12 different seminars, including “Mapping Political Communities: A Statistical Analysis of Lobbying Networks in Legislative Politics” at Duke University.

Associate Professor Chappell H. Lawson shared his research at two conferences, including two presentations on North American border security for the Center for Global Studies, in British Columbia.

Total Professor of Political Science and Contemporary Africa Evan Lieberman shared his expertise at six different conferences and presentations, including “South Africa’s Fragile Democracy” as part of the Great Decisions series at the Boston Public Library. Professor Lieberman served on two editorial boards, as a reviewer for various journals, and served as the vice president for the Friends of the Legal Resources Centre’s board of directors, in South Africa, a human rights and public interest law firm.

Professor Narang presented at four different seminars, including “North Korean Nuclear Crisis” at Harvard University. He continues his regular presence in the media, co-authored eight op-eds, published one book chapter, and co-authored three articles, including “Is India Shifting to a Nuclear Counterforce Strategy?” in International Security.

Associate Professor Richard Nielsen shared his research at seven different seminars and presentations, including “Deadly Clerics” at George Washington University. He reviewed two book manuscripts and 11 journal articles.
Professor Oye shared his expertise at 10 different conferences, conventions, and roundtables around the world, including “Security Implications of Advances in Synthetic Biology,” a presentation to the UN Biological Weapons Convention Workshop in Geneva. He co-published five articles, including a paper for the National Academy of Sciences and Office of the Directory of National Intelligence, “Cooperation under Uncertainty.”

Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor Roger Petersen co-authored “Between Two Caesars: The Christians of Northern Iraq” in Providence, shared his expertise at three speaking events, including a Congressional and Executive Branch Staff Seminar at MIT, and served as reviewer for numerous journals and presses.


Ford International Professor Richard Samuels co-authored a special issue of International Affairs, Japan’s Pivot to Asia, as well as one article and a book chapter. He shared his expertise at five different meetings and colloquia, including “Japan’s Grand Strategy,” for the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Tufts University, and the Barcelona Center for International Affairs and Open University of Catalonia. Samuels co-authored one article, one book chapter, and two op-eds.

Ford International Professor Benjamin R. Schneider co-authored the book Innovating in Brazil: Advancing Development in the 21st Century (Routledge) with Elisabeth B. Reynolds and Ezequiel Zylberberg, in addition to co-authoring two chapters in the book. Professor Schneider also co-authored four articles, including “Technical Education in the Middle Income Trap: Missing Coalitions for Skill Formation” with Richard Doner in the Journal of Development Studies. He presented at seven different seminars and colloquia around the globe, including “Contention, Coalitions, and Consultation in the Politics of Education Reform in Latin America,” to Harvard University, FGV São Paulo, Stias, South Africa, and to the University of Frankfurt. He served as a reviewer for eight different journals, and reviewed manuscripts for four different publishers.

Professor David Singer wrote the article “Benefits and Pitfalls of Google Scholar” for PS: Political Science & Politics. He presented his research at three seminars and round tables including “Attitudes Toward Internal and Foreign Migration” at Columbia University. He is an associate editor for International Studies Quarterly, a board of directors member for the International Political Economy Society, and a reviewer for multiple presses and journals.

Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor Charles Stewart co-authored six articles, including “Learning from Recounts” in Election Law Journal, and shared his expertise at the Parthemos Lecture for the University of Georgia.
Professor Thelen shared her research around the world. She convened and attended 11 different workshops, lectures, and presentations, including giving the presidential address at the American Political Science Association’s annual conference. Thelen wrote three articles and co-authored one additional.

Professor Tsai co-authored three articles, including “Voice and Punishment: A Global Survey Experiment on Tax Morale,” a World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, as well as five other working papers. She served as reviewer for five journals, and as an editorial board member for Political Behavior.

Professor White shared her research at 13 different conferences, workshops, and panel discussions, including “Black Lives Matter in the Courtroom: Judges, Discretion, and Responsiveness to Protest” for Princeton’s Identity & Inequality Conference. She published one op-ed and three articles, including “Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact” in American Political Science Review, and co-authored one more. Professor White served as a reviewer for 11 different journals.

Associate Professor Teppei Yamamoto spoke at 10 different seminars, including “Item Response Theory for Conjoint Survey Experiments” at the University of Tokyo, and the PolMeth annual summer meeting. He is an editorial board member for the Journal of Causal Inference and Political Analysis, as well as a reviewer for 12 additional academic journals.

Professor Zacka shared his expertise with six conferences and workshops, including “On Morality and Street-Level Bureaucracy: A Perspective from Political Theory” for the Centre for the Study of Governance and Society, King’s College London. He co-authored one article and one book chapter, including the chapter “What Is Public Space For? Political Imaginaries and Policy Implications” in The Routledge Handbook of Ethics and Public Policy. He served as a reviewer for nine journals.

**Institute Service**

An important aspect of academic life is contributing to the educational commons through service to the Institute. Members of the Political Science Department have historically been significant contributors to these efforts across the Institute. The following is a sample of the contributions that political science faculty made to Institute enterprises in AY2019.

Professor Berger serves on the MIT Taskforce on Work of the Future.

Professor Berinsky served as director of the Political Experiments Research Lab, on the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (COUHES), and the Graduate Student Housing Working Group.

Professor Campbell served her fourth year leading as department head and co-chaired the Campus Sustainability Task Force.

Professor Caughey served on the faculty search and graduate admissions committees, and as a Burchard Scholars Program Faculty Fellow.
Professor Charnysh served on the department’s admissions committee.

Professor Choucri served on the department’s graduate program committee, undergraduate program committee, in addition to several Institute-wide roles, not limited to MIT’s Committee on Academic Performance, and as a faculty member of the MIT-Interdisciplinary Consortium for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Consortium.

Professor Christia was an RA advisor to an IDSS PhD student. She serves as co-advisor for a second IDSS PhD student. She was also a member of Experiments in Governance and Politics and the Faculty Committee on Community-Policing.

Professor Fravel served as the graduate program chair, placement coordinator (academic job search support), on the Institute’s Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships, and on the Seminar XXI executive board.

Professor Kim served as the Institute’s faculty representative to the Harvard-MIT Data Center.

Professor Lawson served as director for MISTI and the International Policy Lab. He served as a member of the undergraduate program committee, and as the public policy and political science minor advisor.

Professor Narang served as a member on 11 active PhD committees, chairing two.

Professor Nielsen served on the department’s admissions, and Political Science and Computing Committee, as well as the Institute’s IDSS PhD admissions and COUHES committees.

Professor Kenneth Oye served in many leadership roles for the Institute, including as director for the MIT Program on Emerging Technologies, as a member of MIT’s Center for Biomedical Innovation, and the MIT Synthetic Biology Center, on the SHASS Education Advisory Committee, and as a member of the department’s Undergraduate Program and Graduate Admissions Committees, among other roles.

Professor Petersen supervised the student-run SSP Student Working Group, and served on the admissions and a faculty promotion committee. To the Institute, he served as a first-year advisor, and on the ROTC advisory board. Petersen served on 11 PhD committees, six of those as the committee chair.

Professor Posen served as director of the Center for International Studies’ Security Studies Program.

Professor Samuels served as director of the Center for International Studies and on a faculty promotion committee.
Professor Schneider served as director of the MIT-Brazil MISTI program, coordinator for the comparative politics section, and faculty sponsor for the Latin American Working Group and Dissertation Group. He served on a research group at the Industrial Performance Center for a five-year project funded by SENAI, to analyze innovation policies in Brazil.

Professor Singer chaired the department’s Undergraduate Program Committee, and the International Political Economy speaker series.

Professor Stewart served on a department promotion, and a faculty search committee, as well as chairing the department’s Future of Computation Committee.

Professor Thelen organized the comparative politics speaker series, served as the department’s Equal Opportunity officer, and serves on the MIT Task Force on the Work of the Future. She launched both the Presidential Task Force on Advancement of Women in the Profession and an APSA committee research project on the status of women in the profession.

Professor Tsai served on two faculty promotion committees and one search committee, as well as the Future of Computing Committee and Committee on Minority Predoctoral Fellowships. She served on seven Institute committees, including the Presidential Committee for Race and Diversity, and as the Organizer of Data Science for the Social Good Seminar Series. Professor Tsai served on 10 PhD committees, six of those as the committee chair.

Professor White served as co-advisor to the department’s predoctoral fellows, and traveled to the Ralph Bunche Summer Program at Duke University to recruit undergraduate students from underrepresented groups to apply to MIT for graduate study. She served as a reviewer for nine journals.

Professor Yamamoto chaired the department’s graduate admissions committee and one promotion committee, as well as serving as the Models and Methods subfield coordinator. He was a member of SHASS’s Education Advisory Committee, and the Statistics and Data Science Center Program Committee.

Professor Zacka convened the new MIT Workshop in Social and Political Theory. He served as the department’s undergraduate concentration advisor, on the undergraduate program committee, and the Future of Computation Committee.

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