

Department of Political Science

MIT's Department of Political Science offers a full undergraduate curriculum in political science; provides graduate education and research training at the highest level of excellence; maintains an environment in which faculty and advanced students can carry out original research on political behavior, processes, institutions, and policies; and contributes to the capacity of governmental and private organizations at the local, national, and international levels to deal effectively and humanely with important political issues.

The key to the department's success lies in recruiting, nurturing, and retaining an outstanding faculty, devoted to both research and teaching. In this regard, the department is flourishing. Over the past several years, we have successfully recruited a number of new faculty members, one of whom will join the department in July 2005. We are very excited about these hires and about the department's prospects for additional junior and senior faculty hires in the coming year.

Educational Initiatives

This year marked the first full year of the undergraduate minor in advanced international studies, which is academically overseen by the Political Science Department and administered in the Center for International Studies. This new interdisciplinary minor prepares undergraduates for a future in an increasingly global economy and international research environment. The minor is based on three key principles that guide a rigorous model of international education: (1) the ability to speak the language of a foreign country and to be familiar with its cultural dimensions; (2) awareness of fundamental international economic, political, cultural, and historical patterns; and (3) hands-on experience in another culture combined with theoretical learning. In its first year, it has become one of the most frequently chosen minors at the Institute. We anticipate steady growth in the coming years.

Graduate Program Changes

This year's entering class was the first to fall under the department's revised requirements for the PhD degree. Among the new requirements is a first-year seminar exploring core issues in the principal subfields of the discipline. The first offering of the year-long seminar was a success, with positive feedback from both the faculty members who taught it and the students who participated in it. Next year under the revised requirements, second-year students will write and defend a second-year paper. The purpose of the second-year paper is to give students an initial experience in researching, writing, and revising a paper that might be presented at a conference or submitted for publication in a journal. Ideally, second-year papers will be developed from existing seminar papers that students will polish and defend for one semester of course credit in the spring of their second year. Also under the revised requirements, PhD students entering in 2004 and beyond are required to take a general exam in one field (as opposed to two fields, as required of previous classes) and must fulfill a second field requirement. An additional minor field is optional. It is expected that most students will take the general exam in September of their third year; some may petition to do so in the spring

of their second year. Thus far the new requirements promise to produce both greater intellectual integration and quicker transitions from preliminary requirements to thesis work.

Other Educational Initiatives

With the Washington Internship Program, the department is helping MIT take the lead nationally in enhancing the education of technologically sophisticated undergraduates by exposing them to the practical world of politics and policy making, while maintaining a high degree of academic rigor. The program, which allows MIT's technically oriented students to experience how institutions vital to their later success operate, also gives the federal government and other policy makers early access to the best young scientists and engineers in America. The program continues to flourish; 15 undergraduates participated in the summer of 2004.

Elting R. Morison professor Stephen Ansolabehere continues in his capacity as the director of the Senior Congressional Staff Seminar, which educates congressional staff in changes in the fields of science and technology and their long-term implications for public policy in the United States and internationally.

Raphael Dorman and Helen Starbuck professor Suzanne Berger continues as director of the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI), a program that has served as a model for how science and engineering students can participate in international education, even with their generously packed undergraduate programs. Within MISTI, Professor Berger serves as director of the MIT–France program, and Alvin J. Siteman professor of entrepreneurship and political science Richard Locke codirects the MIT–Italy program. Ford International professor Richard Samuels directs the MIT–Japan program, and David W. Skinner professor of political economy and political science Michael Piore directs the MIT–Mexico program.

Professor Nazli Choucri continues to develop the Global System for Sustainable Development, an internet-based set of experiments in international, distributed, multilingual, and multicultural knowledge development, sharing, and networking.

Leon and Anne Goldberg professor Joshua Cohen is currently writing papers on global justice, including human rights and norms of global governance. He is also writing on the place of truth in political justification.

Professor and department head Charles Stewart III is continuing to serve as an associate chair of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons and as housemaster of McCormick Hall.

New Subjects

This past year the department offered several new undergraduate and graduate courses. Assistant professor Lily Tsai offered 17.905 Forms of Political Participation: Old and New to undergraduates and 17.952 The Rise of the Modern State at the graduate level. Associate professor Adam Berinsky devised and offered 17.266 Public Opinion to graduate students. Professor Cohen and associate professor Roger Petersen devised and

instructed 17.960 Foundations of Political Science, a new seminar required for graduate students. These courses will continue to be taught in the future. In addition, there were several courses offered by visiting professors that will not be taught next year.

Student Recruitment, Placement, and Enrollment

The department had a marvelous year in graduate recruitment. It received and reviewed 271 applicants for the PhD program and accepted 29, with 13 students enrolling. The department also received and reviewed 76 applicants for the MS program and accepted 15, with 9 enrolling. This admissions yield was phenomenal and, as in the past several years, there was a much more diverse group of applicants, including a large number of strong applicants in comparative politics, security studies, and political economy. In the case of comparative politics, we made a decision several years ago to build from below in this field, and we now have a large group of excellent junior faculty. The fact that the group is so heavily junior limits graduate student recruitment, but reputations are growing and positions are consolidating, as we know they will, and we are confident that this year's stellar result is not a one-time blip.

Our graduating doctoral students continue to find positions at leading research universities and institutions such as Oxford University, Rutgers University, Wesleyan College, Georgetown University, the University of Texas–Austin, the School of Advanced Military Studies in Leavenworth, KS, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. One master's student is also now serving as a military analyst for the CIA.

Undergraduate enrollments have continued to maintain their high levels. Political science courses experienced a 6 percent increase in enrollment in AY2002 versus AY2001 (from 932 to 985 students) but dipped slightly in AY2003 and stayed steady in FY2004 at 921. We had 38 majors, 33 minors in political science, 8 minors in public policy, and 30 minors in applied international studies.

Faculty and Personnel

MIT faculty members are frequently sought out to provide commentary in the press and other public forums concerning public affairs. Faculty in American politics and security studies were in particularly high demand in light of the 2004 presidential election and the continuing military activity in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Faculty Awards and Recognition

Professor Ansolabehere served as an election consultant to CBS News and was named the series editor for *Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Professor Berger was named a Chevalier dans l'Ordre National du Mérite by the French government.

Professor Choucri was awarded the Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award from Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship at Tufts University.

Associate professor Chappell Lawson received NSF funding for his project The Mexico 2006 Panel Study. Professor Lawson is also director of the Independent Task Force on the Future of North America.

Professor Locke was awarded an SMI seed grant by the Dean's Office, Sloan School of Management, MIT, to support his project Making Globalization Work for All.

Professor Stephen M. Meyer received the Francis W. Sargent Conservation Award, presented by the State Fisheries and Wildlife Board. The Sargent Award is given in recognition of a significant contribution by an individual or organization to the conservation of natural resources in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Sargent Award is named in honor of former governor Francis W. Sargent.

Associate professor Kenneth A. Oye received a grant from NSF IGERT for his project Assessing Implications of Emerging Technologies (co-PI), grants from the Cambridge-MIT Alliance for his projects Technology Policy Educational Programming (associate) and Assessing Implications of Emerging Technologies (associate), and a grant from the Alliance for Global Sustainability for his project Competitive Advantage, Regulation and the Environment (co-PI).

Professor J. Samuels was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also received a research grant from the Smith Richardson Foundation to support field research in Tokyo for a new project on the Japanese military and grand strategy. He was appointed chair of the Committee on International Relations of the American Political Science Association, served as a Hunsberger Memorial lecturer at American University, and also served on the Roundtable Panel on Machiavelli's Children at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Chicago.

Assistant professor Sarah Song received a fellowship in the Visiting Scholars Program at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Associate professor Edward S. Steinfeld was awarded the Public Intellectuals Fellowship for 2005–2007 by the National Committee on US–China Relations. The program is new and intends to bring academic work into the view of decision makers in the public and private sectors.

Professor Tsai was awarded by the MIT Ferry Fund for her research project The Dangers of Decentralization: Financial Management and Informal Institutions in Rural China. She won the Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize from the Department of Government at Harvard University.

Personnel Activity and Upcoming Faculty Searches

Compared to the large number of promotion cases in previous years, this year's faculty promotion agenda was relatively light. Nonetheless, we are pleased to report that Professor Lawson will be promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective July 1, 2005.

The department conducted three faculty searches in the fall in the following areas: American politics and public policy, international relations, and comparative politics. We are pleased to report that we were successful in recruiting our top choice in the American politics and public policy area, Andrea Louise Campbell, who is on the faculty of Harvard's Government department. She will join us, effective July 1, 2005, as an associate professor without tenure. She holds a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley and has been an assistant professor of government since July 2000. She also served as a Robert Wood Johnson scholar in health policy at Yale University from 2001 to 2003. Her primary scholarly interests lie at the intersection of public opinion and social policy. Her book *How Policies Make Citizens* (Princeton University Press, 2003) is an important examination of how Social Security transformed senior citizens, as a group, from being politically quiescent to being the most active demographic group in American politics.

In AY2006, the department will run four searches. Three are broadly defined searches at the junior level in American politics, international relations, and comparative politics. The fourth will search for a tenured or near-tenure-level professor in any field.

Increasing the presence of minority representatives and women in the department remains a major concern. All three committees formed for the coming year's faculty searches will make special efforts to identify outstanding women and minority candidates. In addition, the department's Personnel Committee functions as a diversity committee to ensure that the department's goals are aggressively pursued.

Faculty Leaves, Departures, and Visitors

Professor Cohen stepped down as department head after the fall term, following a tenure of seven and a half years in that position. He also was on sabbatical leave during the spring. Professor Ansolabehere was on sabbatical in the spring, and Professors Berger and Choucri were on sabbatical in the fall.

We are disappointed to report that associate professor Kanchan Chandra, who works in the field of comparative politics with a focus on ethnic conflict, decided to leave MIT to join the Department of Politics at New York University, effective July 1, 2005.

In the coming year, the department will be hosting several visitors, including Menachem Klein, senior lecturer in political science from Bar-Ilan University, who will teach an undergraduate class on the politics of the Middle East; Lawrence McCray, former project director with the National Academy of Science, who will teach in the area of science, technology, and public policy; and Riccardo Puglisi, a recent PhD from the London School of Economics, who will teach two classes on statistical methods and game theory.

Faculty Research and Publications

The Political Science faculty published numerous articles and books in the past year. Following is a representative sampling.

Professors Ansolabehere and Stewart published "Residual Votes Attributable to Voting Technology" in the *Journal of Politics*.

Professor Ansolabehere and Arthur and Ruth Sloan professor of political science and economy James M. Snyder Jr. (together with Aaron Strauss and Michael Ting) published "Voting Weights and Formateur Advantages" in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Professors Ansolabehere and Snyder (with Michael Ting) published "Legislative Bargaining under Weighted Voting" in the *American Economic Review*.

Professor Berger coedited (with Richard Lester) *Global Taiwan: Building Competitive Strengths in a New International Economy*. She also published *How We Compete* (Doubleday).

Professor Berinsky published "The Indirect Effects of Discredited Stereotypes in Judgments of Jewish Leaders" in the *American Journal of Political Science*, with Tali Mendelberg, and "The Perverse Consequences of Electoral Reform in the United States" in *American Politics Research*.

Professor Cohen coedited (with research associate Deb Chasman) *Just Marriage* (Oxford University Press). He also published "Minimalism about Human Rights: The Best We Can Hope For?" in the *Journal of Political Philosophy*; "Deliberation and Participation" in the *Swiss Journal of Political Science*, with Archon Fung; and "The Importance of Philosophy: Reflections on John Rawls" in the *South African Journal of Philosophy*.

Assistant professor M. Taylor Fravel published "Cooperation through Insecurity: Explaining China's Compromises in Territorial Disputes" in *International Security* and "The Evolution of China's Military Strategy" in David Finkelstein and James C. Mulvenon, eds., *China's Changing Military Doctrine*.

Professor Lawson published "The Barriers to Media Opening in Latin America" in *Political Communication*, with Sallie Hughes; "Television Coverage, Media Effects, and Mexico's 2000 Elections" in the *British Journal of Political Science*, with James McCann; and "Raising the Salience of Mexico and Canada" in *The Audit of Conventional Wisdom*, MIT Center for International Studies.

Professor Locke published "Education and Emotion: Reflections of a Teacher" in *Schools: Studies in Education*; "Building Ties in the Building Trades" in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, with Sean Safford; and "Claves para Ser un Pais de Emprendedores" in *Empresas COPEC*.

Professor Oye published "The Precautionary Principle and International Conflict over Domestic Regulation: Mitigating Uncertainty and Improving Adaptive Capacity" in *Water Science & Technology*.

Professor Petersen published "Conclusion" in *Ethnic Politics and Post-Communism: Theory and Practice*, Zoltan Barany and Robert Moser, eds.; "Memory and Cultural Schema: Linking Memory to Political Action" in *Memory and Second World War: An Ethnographic Approach*, Francesca Cappelletto, ed.; and "United States Social Science and Counter-

Insurgency Policy in Colombia” in *Nonviolent Political Action in Colombia*,” with Vanda Felbab-Brown.

Professor Piore published *Innovation, the Missing Dimension*, with Richard Lester; “Normas laborales de Mexico en la economia global” in *Comercio Exterior*; “Economy, Society and Worker Representation in Corporate Governance” in *Corporate Governance and Firm Organization: Microfoundations and Structural Forms*; “Rethinking International Labor Standards” in *Labor and the Globalization of Production: Causes and Consequences of Industrial Upgrading*, Will Millberg (ed.); “Reconfiguration of Work and Employment Relations in the United States at the Turn of the Century” in *Changing Life Patterns in Western Industrial Society*; “Qualitative Research: Does It Fit in Economics?” in *Social Science Field Work*, Curren, Sara, and Ellen Perelman, eds.; and “The Neo-Liberal Ideal and the Reality of Workplace Practice: Shifting Axes of Political Mobilization and New Regimes of Workplace Governance in the United States,” in *Worlds of Capitalism: Institutions, Economic Performance, and Governance in the Era of Globalization*, Max Miller, ed.

Ford Foundation international professor Barry R. Posen published “The European Security Strategy: Practical Implications” in the *Oxford Journal on Good Governance*; “ESDP and the Structure of World Power” in *The International Spectator*; “Fighting Blind in Iraq” in the *New York Times*; and “US Military Power: Strong Enough to Deter All Challenges?” in the *Audit of the Conventional Wisdom*, MIT Center for International Studies.

Ford career development chair and associate professor Jonathan Rodden’s *Hamilton’s Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Fiscal Federalism* is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in the second half of 2005. He also published “Economic Geography and Economic Voting: Evidence from the U.S. States” in the *British Journal of Political Science*, with Michael Ebeid; “Politica Distributiva na Federacao: Estrategias Eleitorais Barganhas Legislativas e Coalizoes de Governo” in *Dados*, with Marta Arretche; “Comparative Federalism and Decentralization: On Meaning and Measurement” in *Comparative Politics*; “The Political Economy of Federalism” in *Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, Barry Weingast and Donald Wittman, eds.

Professor Samuels was the general editor of the *Encyclopedia of U.S. National Security*. He also published “Payback Time: Japan–North Korea Economic Relations,” in C.Y. Ahn, N. Eberstadt, and Y.S. Lee, eds., *A New International Engagement Framework for North Korea? Contending Perspectives* and “When Leadership Failed” in Irving Louis Horowitz, ed., *Civil Society and Class Politics: Essays on the Political Sociology of Seymour Martin Lipset*.

Professor emeritus Eugene Skolnikoff published “International Relations” in the *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology and Ethics* and “National Security: Impediment to Space Sciences?” in the *Bulletin, American Academy of Arts and Sciences*.

Professor Snyder published “Estimating the Distribution of Voter Preferences Using Partially Aggregated Voting Data” in *Political Methodologist*; “Legislative Effectiveness and Legislative Life,” with Gerard Padro i Miquel, in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; “Why

Roll Calls? A Model of Position Taking in Legislatures” in the *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, with Michael Ting; and “Using Term Limits to Estimate Incumbency Advantages When Officeholders Retire Strategically” in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Professor Song published “Majority Norms, Multiculturalism, and Gender Equality” in *American Political Science Review* and “The Cultural Defense in American Law” in *Critique Internationale*.

Professor Steinfeld published “Cross-Straits Commercial Integration and Industrial Catch-Up” in Professor Berger and Richard K. Lester, eds., *Global Taiwan*; “Innovation, Integration, and Technology Upgrading in Contemporary Chinese Industry” in *Geographies of Innovation*, Karen Polenske, ed.; “China’s Shallow Integration: Networked Production and the New Challenges for Late Industrialization” in *World Development*; and “Market Visions: The Interplay of Ideas and Institutions in Chinese Financial Restructuring” in *Political Studies*.

Professors Stewart and Ansolabehere published “Studying Elections: Data Quality and Pitfalls in Measuring the Effects of Voting Technologies” in the *Policy Studies Journal*, with R. Michael Alvarez; and “Residual Votes Attributable to Technology” in the *Journal of Politics*.

Professor Stewart published “Congress in the Constitutional System” in *Institutions of Democracy: The Legislative Branch*, Sarah Binder and Paul Quirk, eds.; “Residual Vote in the 2004 Election” with the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project; and “The Reliability of Electronic Voting Machines in Georgia,” also with the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project.

Professor Tsai’s *The Informal State: Governance, Accountability, and Public Goods Provision in Rural China* is scheduled to be published in the second half of 2005.

The department’s faculty continues to give an enormously wide variety of invited lectures, appear at conferences, and serve on boards of prestigious professional organizations and editorial boards, in addition to serving as advisors for government, private, and international organizations and agencies. We are confident that the number and range of these outside activities will grow and continue to generate further awareness of and respect for the quality of our department.

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