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 faculty and serves as the home of several important educational and research activities.

The department has nearly completed a 10-year process of faculty rebuilding. With the exception of a postponed search to replace faculty members in comparative politics, all of our faculty slots are now occupied. We continue to take steps to strengthen the graduate program, develop stronger ties with other departments and research initiatives at MIT (including the new MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing), and foster the research creativity and productivity of our faculty.

This past year, the department focused on:

- Maintaining and strengthening our finances so that we can support a healthy and competitive PhD program and hire to fill all remaining faculty slots

- 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 of respect, support, and inclusion to sustain our rich and nurturing intellectual community

- Building ties with the emerging MIT Schwarzman College of Computing and exploring possibilities for joint faculty hires

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 (Andronico Luksic, Jon Borschow, Nike Inc.) 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 recently established a fund for graduate student support, and we continue to strengthen our ties with him.

Faculty Searches and Diversity Initiatives

Due to Covid-19 safety restrictions, no faculty searches were undertaken in academic year 2021 (AY2021).

In September 2020, the department created the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group, chaired by Professor Fotini Christia, to explore strategies to improve recruitment and retention of and the overall climate for students and faculty from underrepresented groups and to assess and improve awareness of and support for mental health. The group—composed of faculty, student, and staff members—met throughout the year and made some important recommendations (including those detailed below) that will be implemented in the coming year.

Applicants to our graduate program will be asked to provide a personal statement, separate from the statement of objectives, to address how their backgrounds and life experiences have shaped their trajectory to graduate school. Applicants for faculty positions will be asked to address how their plans will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in their scholarship, teaching, and service. In addition, current faculty members will be prompted to discuss their DEI efforts on an annual appraisal form. In the case of our undergraduate program, we are taking steps to integrate DEI issues into the required scope and methods course and to create information for our website and other marketing materials about the study of race and identity throughout the curriculum.

The department has created a DEI coordinator role to oversee the Political Science Application Mentorship Program (PS AMP), a volunteer initiative launched this year by department graduate students that is specifically intended for PhD applicants from communities that have historically been underrepresented in higher education. The student coordinator will work closely with the chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group.

The department will also conduct a search to fill two faculty positions in the fall. The first position will be a junior (untenured) scholar of comparative politics. The second position, on the recommendation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group and approved by the provost, will be a senior (tenured) scholar in any subfield. This open-field search reflects best practices for departments seeking to increase the diversity of their faculty. Each search committee will have a graduate student member.

Intellectual Commons

We continue to support a series of research-related activities, including the Political Experiments Research Lab, the International Political Economy Speaker Series, the Latin Americanists Working Group, the Comparative Politics Speaker Series, and the MIT Wargaming Working Group, that have all created a sense of intellectual energy and excitement within the department. Although the pandemic slowed programming in AY2021, we anticipate renewed activity in the new academic year.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) continues as a critical resource for graduate students and the department alike. The GSC serves as a platform for student programming and a forum for student concerns. During this year of disruption and anxiety due to Covid-19 and unrest in the nation over issues of race, the council has been a vocal advocate for students and an important liaison among students, faculty, and staff. The GSC organized town halls, launched PS AMP, held a Gather event for admitted students, and conducted a survey in late March on student concerns related to isolation, funding pressures, diversity issues, and faculty expectations.

The Political Methodology Lab, the MIT Governance Lab, and the MIT Election Data and Science Lab continue to grow in personnel and scope. Several faculty members, including Suzanne Berger, Chappell Lawson (faculty director), Richard Samuels, Benjamin Schneider, and Kathleen Thelen, continue to play a major role in the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) program.

The department increased its engagement with the new MIT Schwarzman College of Computing. Professors Devin Caughey, In Song Kim, Lily Tsai, and Bernardo Zacka participated in advisory committees to address the social and ethical responsibilities of computing and the "common ground" curriculum. Professor Kim and Professors Adam Berinsky, Nazli Choucri, Fotini Christia, Richard Nielsen, Charles Stewart, and Teppei Yamamoto continue their work as affiliate faculty members of the Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS)—now a key operating unit of the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing—while Professor Kenneth Oye is a core faculty member. Professors David Singer and Munther Dahler (IDSS) submitted a proposal to Dean Daniel Huttenlocher for a hiring cluster in computational social science, a version of which was approved as a future hiring cluster.

Professors Christia and Nielsen co-hosted the 2021 Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World in April 2021. The conference was held virtually due to the pandemic.

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 the reforms of several years ago.

Our graduate program was on solid ground and serving our students well when Covid-19 struck. When classes went online in spring 2020, we prioritized keeping our students on track academically, and that has remained our goal as we continued to be online in fall 2020 and spring 2021. Despite ever-increasing Zoom fatigue, our students completed their coursework and held colloquia, second-year paper defenses, and thesis defenses. Students unable to go into the field because of the pandemic worked with faculty advisors to adjust their research focus during the downtime and plan ahead for post-pandemic field work.

On the undergraduate front, and in anticipation of the 2020 election, we offered additional sections of 17.263 Electoral Politics, including a new special topics course (17.S918 Elections by the Numbers) taught by elections specialist Charles Stewart that was offered in fall 2020 to coincide with the national election. Two courses were added to our catalog, Ariel White's 17.271 Mass Incarceration in the United States and 17.511 Critical Perspectives on Data and Identity, co-taught by Fotini Christia and Evan Lieberman. Lastly, two special topics courses were offered during spring 2021, 17.S917 Understanding the Iraq and Syrian Conflicts and 17.449 Emerging Technology and International Security.

In addition to its own curriculum, the department is home to a number of internship and other "hands-on" experiences, mostly for undergraduates. These activities allow science and engineering students to engage with policymakers at home and with laboratories and industries abroad. Two worth highlighting here are MISTI and the MIT Washington Summer Internship Program.

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 director of MISTI, Professor 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 Summer Internship Program continues to provide MIT's technically oriented students opportunities to work in government agencies, advocacy groups, corporations, and legislative and executive offices. It also provides the federal government and other policymakers early access to the best young scientists and engineers in America. Fifteen undergraduates from four of the Institute's five schools (School of Architecture and Planning, School of Engineering, School of Science, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences [SHASS]) were chosen to participate in summer 2020. Student placements included the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group, New America, the Government Accountability Office, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Environmental Protection Agency, Mozilla, and the Federal Reserve.

In addition, every summer and academic year, faculty members from the department work with 10 to 15 students through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) on projects such as big data and machine learning, data initiatives in election science, and innovation in citizen engagement and government responsiveness.

The Jeffrey L. Pressman Award is funding three internships during summer 2021 at the US Department of Education, with Massachusetts state representative Erika Utyerhoeven, and at the MIT office in Washington, DC. Recipients of this award include both political science and non–political science students.

Student Recruitment, Placement, and Enrollment

This year the department reviewed an unprecedented 646 applications for the PhD program, an increase of about 80% over last year. This reflected an upward trend noted more generally in graduate school applications during the pandemic. At the same time, in the face of budget uncertainties due to Covid-related delays and increased time to degree for our current students, we significantly reduced the number of applicants we admitted, down to 19 from 32 last year. Twelve of the 19 admitted students (our target cohort size) accepted our offer, including two with outside funding. Of the 12 students who accepted, more than half (seven) were women. As noted, this year saw the launch of PS AMP, which targets PhD applicants from communities historically underrepresented in higher education. Underrepresented minority (URM) applicants accounted for about 7% of the applicant pool, up slightly from last year, and we successfully recruited two URM students, up from one in 2020. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have succeeded in recruiting one or more URM students.

Our graduating doctoral students continue to garner rewarding and prestigious appointments in higher education and industry. In 2021, despite the challenges of job hunting during a pandemic, our PhD students and graduates secured faculty appointments at Michigan State University, Peking University, King's College London,

the Naval War College, and Duke Kunshan, as well as postdoctoral fellowships at Princeton, the New York University Center for Data Science, New York University Abu Dhabi, and the University of Pennsylvania Perry Center.

In AY2021, our undergraduate enrollment was 772, down from 803 the previous year. The number of undergraduate political science majors was 18, significantly higher than last year (13). We have 123 concentrators (in all graduation years), down from 141 last year, and 43 minors (18 in political science, 21 in public policy, and four in applied international studies), down from 45 last year.

Faculty and Promotions

We are delighted to report that Vipin Narang was promoted to full professor.

Awards and Grants

Notable awards, grants, recognitions, and important professional responsibilities given to faculty members during AY2021 include the following.

Mitsui Professor of Political Science Adam Berinsky received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Accountable Institutions and Behavior Program Grant.

Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor Andrea Campbell received the Excellence in Mentoring Award from the public policy section of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

Assistant Professor Volha Charnysh was awarded a fall fellowship at Collegio Carlo Alberto in Turin, Italy, although it was canceled due to the pandemic. She served as a visiting researcher at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin.

Nazli Choucri was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Fotini Christia was appointed director of the MIT Sociotechnical Systems Research Center and received a grant from the World Bank, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and UK Aid for Preventing Social Conflict and Promoting Social Cohesion in Forced Displacement Contexts.

Class of 1956 Career Development Associate Professor In Song Kim received the James A. and Ruth Levitan Prize from MIT SHASS. He was also presented the Best New Dataset Award by the International Political Economy Society for LobbyView: Firm-level Lobbying & Congressional Bills Database. Professor Kim received an NSF Accountable Institutions and Behavior Program grant and support from the MIT Undergraduate Experiential Learning Opportunities program.

Chappell Lawson served as a global fellow of the Mexico Institute at the Wilson Center.

Total Professor of Political Science and Contemporary Africa Evan Lieberman served as a non-resident fellow at Harvard's Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion. He was awarded a Catalyst Grant (Estimating the

Consequences of Sharing Information about COVID-19 Racial Disparities: A National Survey Experiment in the United States) by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, a CIS grant for support of the Global Diversity Lab research assistant program, an allocation from the SHASS dean's discretionary fund for the Global Diversity Lab, and (with Volha Charnysh and Asya Magazinnik) was awarded $100,000 from the MIT Climate Grand Challenges initiative to submit a white paper.

Assistant Professor Erik Lin-Greenberg received a SHASS Levitan Teaching Award and an APSA Merze Tate Dissertation Award, served as a Schmidt Futures Foundation International Strategy Forum Fellow, and was an adjunct fellow at the Center for a New American Security.

Ford International Professor Barry Posen was awarded a Charles Koch Foundation Grant for the Project on Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft.

Ford International Professor Richard Samuels was co–principal investigator (PI) on an award (Autonomous Defense in Northeast Asia) from the Office of Net Assessment, US Department of Defense.

Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor Charles Stewart III was awarded grants from the Skoll Foundation ($1 million) and Gates Foundation ($1.05 million) for the Healthy Elections Project. In addition, he received grants from the US Elections Assistance Commission ($100,000), the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation ($200,000), and the National Science Foundation ($100,000).

Ford Professor Kathleen Thelen was awarded the Hans Fischer Senior Fellowship by the Technical University of Munich. She is co-PI on a new $1.5 million Hewlett Foundation project (The American Political Economy) to launch a subfield on American political economy within the field of political science. This involves convening annual summer schools for graduate students and postdocs as well as an annual research conference for scholars at all levels.

Lily Tsai is managing nine grants totaling $3,610,559, including support from the Gates Foundation, Facebook, the Institute for Development Studies, and MITx.

Silverman (1968) Family Career Development Assistant Professor Ariel White was co-awarded a Russell Sage grant ($174,865).

Bernardo Zacka served as a visiting professor at the University of Aalborg in Denmark.

Faculty Leaves, Departures, and Visitors

Richard Nielsen and Volha Charnysh were on leave all year, and Devin Caughey was on leave during the spring semester.

Faculty 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.

Professor Berinsky wrote two book chapters and co-authored one book and five articles, including "Developing an Accuracy-Prompt Toolkit to Reduce COVID-19 Misinformation Online" in the *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review* and "Timing Matters When Correcting Fake News" in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Professor Berinsky served on three editorial boards, as a reviewer for multiple journals, and as editor of the Chicago Studies in American Politics book series.

Professor Campbell co-authored the American government textbook *We the People* (13th edition) along with one article and one review, shared her expertise with numerous media outlets, and participated in seven seminars, panels, and conferences, including presenting talks at the Library of Congress ("The Safety Net in a Time of Crisis") and the Harvard Law School COVID-19 and the Law conference ("COVID-19 and National Public Health Cultures"). She reviewed 14 book manuscripts and articles for 13 publishers and journals and served on four editorial boards.

Professor Caughey co-authored the book *Target Estimation and Adjustment Weighting for Survey Nonresponse and Sampling Bias* and the article "The Democratic-CIO Alliance: The Benefits of Friendship" in *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*. He presented "Dynamic Democracy" at a Harvard Law School conference.

Professor Charnysh published two opinion pieces and co-authored the article "Role of Communities in Preserving Political Identities: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Poland" in *The British Journal of Political Science.* As co-editor of (and contributor to) *The Broadstreet Blog,* she has written seven pieces dedicated to the study of historical political economy. She served as a reviewer for 12 articles in eight journals and presented her research at 10 seminars, workshops, and conferences, including "Diversity and Development: Lessons from Post-WWII Migration in Germany" at the 27th Annual Conference for Europeanists.

Professor Choucri co-authored two publications and shared her expertise at nine talks, conferences, and roundtables, including the Boston Global Forum and the Hot Topics in the Science of Security Conference. In addition, she serves as an active founding member of the Michael Dukakis Institute. She served on two editorial boards and as a reviewer for six journals and book publishers. Professor Choucri developed CyberIRworld@MIT, a theory-based and ontology-framed interactive knowledge system.

Professor Christia co-authored two book chapters, five working papers, and two articles, including "Violence against Women in the Time of COVID-19: The Effects of a Social Media Campaign against Gender-Based Violence in Egypt" and "Training the Covid-19 Cohort: Adapting and Preserving Social Science Research" in *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences.* She co-organized the AI for Healthcare Equity Conference as well as the MIT Systemic Racism and Computation workshops. Professor Christia shared her expertise at 14 talks, seminars, and conferences, including presenting "Social Media Narratives on Violence from Northern Syria" at the Households in Conflict Network annual conference. She served as a reviewer for four publishers.

Professor M. Taylor Fravel published the book *Active Defense: China's Military Strategy Since 1949*. In addition to his co-authored book chapter "Stormy Seas: The South China Sea in US-China Relations" (in *After Engagement: Dilemmas in U.S.–China Security Relations*), he published one article and four opinion pieces. He presented at 20 talks, seminars, and conferences, including "Few Strings Attached: Why Countries Join China's Belt and Road Initiative" at the School of Oriental and African Studies and "Perfect Storm: Power Transitions and Territorial Disputes" at the annual convention of the International Studies Association. He continued service on several national platforms, including the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council, and Congress. He served on the National Asian Research Program Advisory Council, the Maritime Awareness Project, and the board of directors of the National Committee on US-China Relations. Professor Fravel was a member of four editorial boards.

Professor Kim co-authored one book chapter and two articles, "Mapping Political Communities: A Statistical Analysis of Lobbying Networks in Legislative Politics" and "On the Use of Two-way Fixed Effects Regression Models for Causal Inference with Panel Data" in *Political Analysis.* He served as a reviewer for eight journals, shared his expertise as a Research Data Center research associate at the US Census Bureau, and presented at four seminars, including "Strategic and Sequential Links between Campaign Donations and Lobbying" at both Rutgers University and Seoul National University.

Professor Lawson co-edited the book *Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security for the 21st Century*, wrote one article, and co-wrote a second. He shared his research at 12 conferences and talks, including "Immigration Policy and Challenges of Homeland Security" at the Migration Policy Institute and "Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security for the 21st Century" at Harvard's Belfer Center and for the Homeland Security Experts Group. He was a reviewer for various journals and participated in the Center for Strategic and International Studies initiative that led to the report "Reinforcing Institutional Integrity in an Election Year: The Role of U.S. Federal Forces."

Professor Lieberman co-authored three articles and an op-ed, including "How Information About Race-based Health Disparities Affects Policy Preferences: Evidence from a Survey Experiment About the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States" in *Social Science and Medicine.* He shared his expertise at 12 conferences and presentations, including "Whose Pandemic? The Politics of Race and Danger" for the Harvard University Weatherhead Center and "Until We Have Won Our Liberty: South Africa After Apartheid" for Oxford University's Comparative Politics series. Professor Lieberman served on the *World Politics* editorial board, as a reviewer for various journals, and as the president of the board of directors for the Friends of the Legal Resources Centre in South Africa, a human rights and public interest law firm.

Professor Lin-Greenberg published "Soldiers, Pollsters, and International Crises: Public Opinion and the Military's Advice on the Use of Force" in *Foreign Policy Analysis* and coauthored an additional article. He shared his expertise at nine events, including "Algorithms and Influence: Artificial Intelligence and Crisis Decision-making" at a Cato Institute seminar and "Wargame of Drones: Remote Warfighting and Crisis Escalation" at a Shorenstein Center for Public Policy seminar. He served as a political military affairs strategist for the US military Joint Staff Directorate of Strategy, Plans, and Policy. He was a reviewer for various journals.

Professor Magazinnik co-published two articles, including "At-Large Elections and Minority Representation in Local Government" in the *American Journal of Political Science*. She shared her expertise at two conferences, including the talk "District Elections Decrease Local Cooperation with ICE" at a Columbia University seminar. She also served as a reviewer for four journals.

Professor Narang presented at three seminars, including "The Third Nuclear Age" at the University of Kentucky. He continued his frequent presence in the media and served as a reviewer for 12 journals and publishers.

Professor Nielsen wrote the book chapter "The Rise and Impact of Muslim Women Preaching Online" for the *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies* and published "COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions" in *PS: Political Science & Politics.* He shared his research at five conferences, seminars, and workshops, including the talk "How the Internet Helps Women Gain Authority in Islam" at the Central European University. He served as a reviewer for nine journals.

Professor Oye shared his expertise as an advisor for numerous national and international government, industry, and academic organizations. He gave talks at eight events, including speaking on "Information Risks: Potential Hazards from Knowledge" for a Future of Humanity Institute panel and "Anti-Asian Hatred: Causes and Responses" for a CIS Starr Forum. He coauthored one article and the National Institutes of Health "Draft Report of the Gene Drives in Biomedical Research Working Group."

Professor Roger Petersen authored four articles, including "Emotions and Backlash in US Society and Politics" in *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, and a review of *The Last Card: Inside George W. Bush's Decision to Surge in Iraq.* He shared his expertise at three speaking events including the From Revenge to Forgiveness: Strengthening Durable Peace in Post-Conflict Settings conference and served as a reviewer for numerous journals and presses.

Professor Posen published "Europe Can Defend Itself" in the International Institute for Strategic Studies publication *Survival*, prompting a symposium and webinar on the topic. He also published "Scarcity and Strategy: The Foreign Policy of the Biden Administration" in the Egmont Institute collection Biden's World? Views from the United States, China, Russia and the European Union. As a guest speaker, he presented "Transatlantic Relations" for the Aspen Institute's Congressional Program.

Professor Samuels published a translation of his book *Special Duty: A History of the Japanese Intelligence Community*. He published three book chapters, coauthored two articles, and shared his expertise at eight events, including "The Japanese Intelligence Community" at Princeton University and "Japanese Security Policy" at a Brookings Institution seminar. He served as a reviewer for five publishers and was a member of the *Asian Security* editorial board.

Ford International Professor Benjamin R. Schneider coauthored the book chapter "Centripetal Politics and Institution Building in Exiting the Middle-Income Trap" in *Trapped in the Middle?* and published the article "Teacher Unions, Political Machines,

and the Thorny Politics of Education Reform in Latin America" in *Politics and Society*. He presented his work at various events, including "Big Business and the Inequality Trap in Latin America: Taxes, Collusion, and Undue Influence" at a Harvard Business School seminar and a United Nations Development Program conference.

Professor Singer coauthored (with Kai Quek) "Attitudes toward Internal and Foreign Migration: Evidence from China" in *Public Opinion Quarterly*. He served on the board of directors of the International Political Economy Society and reviewed articles for a dozen journals and book publishers.

Professor Stewart authored "Reconsidering Lost Votes by Mail" in the *Harvard Review of Data Sciences* and "Protecting the Perilous Path of Election Returns: From the Precinct to the News" in the *Ohio State Technology Law Journal*, in addition to numerous pieces in *The Monkey Cage*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Politico*, *The Hill*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other venues. He shared his expertise at 14 talks, including "Survey of the Performance of American Elections 2020" for the Bipartisan Policy Committee and "Lessons Learned about Access during the Pandemic" at Cornell University. Professor Stewart served as a reviewer for several journals and book publishers, consulted for the CBS News Election Decision Desk, and consulted for various states on election administration issues, including testifying before legislative bodies in Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Georgia. In addition, he served as a member of the Georgia secretary of state's advisory board.

Professor Thelen coauthored two book chapters, published the article "Employer Organization and the Law: American Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective" in *Law & Contemporary Problems*, and coauthored two additional articles. She published an op-ed in the *Washington Post* and the research brief "Growing Apart: Efficiency and Equality in the German and Danish VET Systems" for the MIT Work of the Future project. Professor Thelen convened and/or presented at 23 talks, seminars, lectures, and presentations, including the keynote "American Employers in Comparative Perspective" for the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and "Employer Organization in the United States" for the Adam Smith Lecture in Jurisprudence (Glasgow, Scotland). She was the general editor for the Cambridge Series in Comparative Politics and served on numerous editorial boards including *The American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, and *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal* boards.

Professor Tsai shared her expertise at eight talks and seminars, including "COVID-19 Compliance and Impacts in Sierra Leone: Results from Nationally Representative Surveys and Cell Phone Mobility Data" for the government of Sierra Leone. She authored and co-authored six research briefs and working papers, including "Research Brief: Preliminary Results from Rapid Survey to Inform COVID-19 Response in Sierra Leone" for the Sierra Leone government. Professor Tsai developed two new educational programs, Behavioral Science in the Field Leadership Development for Community Organizers: Course on WhatsApp. She also served as a reviewer for six journals and presses.

Ford International Professor of Political Science Stephen Van Evera was one of two speakers at the CIS Starr Forum Israelis and Palestinians: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. At the event, he discussed the current conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Professor White co-authored the book chapter "Experiments On and With Street-Level Bureaucrats" in *Advances in Experimental Political Science* and shared her research at four conferences and seminars, including "Locking Up the Vote? Evidence from Maine and Vermont on Voting from Prison" at the APSA annual meeting and "Punitive Politics and Democracy" at the Johns Hopkins SNF Agora Institute. She served as an expert witness in the Holmes v. Moore voting rights case in North Carolina and reviewed 21 articles for 14 journals.

Professor Yamamoto co-published one book chapter and two articles, including "Beyond the Breaking Point? Survey Satisficing in Conjoint Experiments" in *Political Science Research and Methods*. In addition, he gave two talks, "How Much Should You Trust Your Power Calculation Results? Power Analysis as an Estimation Problem" at the Society for Political Methodology's annual meeting and "Tracing Causal Paths for Experimental and Observational Data" at the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of three editorial boards, including the *American Journal of Political Science* board, and reviewed for various journals.

Professor Zacka was an editor and contributor for "Political Theory with an Ethnographic Sensibility" in *Contemporary Political Theory*. He shared his expertise at 14 talks, including "Re-Branding the State: The Interior Architecture of British Job Centres, 1910-Present" at Freie Universität and "The Architecture of the Bureaucratic Encounter" at the APSA annual meeting. He served as a referee for five journals.

Institute Service

An important aspect of academic life is contributing to the educational commons through service to the Institute. Members of the Department of Political Science 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 AY2021.

Professor Berinsky served as director of the Political Experiments Research Lab and head of Ashdown House and advised 11 UROP students.

Professor Campbell was a mentor to a junior faculty member in the department and advised four UROP students. She served on the Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement, as a faculty affiliate for the Center for Constructive Communication in the MIT Media Lab, and on the Institute's Faculty Complaint Review Panel.

Professor Caughey was a member of the department's graduate program committee; served on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group; and was the SHASS lead on the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing Common Ground Standing Committee.

Professor Choucri served on the department's undergraduate program committee, the MIT Faculty Newsletter editorial board, and the Radius Steering Committee and was a series editor for The MIT Press.

Professor Christia coordinated a research initiative on systemic racism with the endorsement of Dean Melissa Nobles and Dean Dan Huttenlocher; the effort involved 10 colleagues from SHASS and two from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, as well as colleagues from IDSS and other units of the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing, including the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. In addition, Professor Christia served as the department's director of graduate studies; as head of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group; as a faculty advisor for the MIT Women in International Politics and Security Working Group; as academic chair for the Social and Engineering Systems PhD program (IDSS); as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Arts, Culture, and DEI; on eight dissertation committees; and as an advisor for seven graduate students and one undergraduate student.

Professor Fravel served as director of the Security Studies Program, as a member of the full professor promotion committee, on the Institute's Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships, and on the Seminar XXI executive board.

Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo served on 11 graduate student committees and as academic director for the MIT Governance Lab.

Professor Kim served on a department graduate program committee, on the Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing (SERC) Action Group on Active Learning Projects, and as the Institute's faculty representative to the Harvard-MIT Data Center. In addition, he served on seven graduate student committees, one as the chair, and as an advisor to 21 UROP students.

Professor Lawson was faculty director of MISTI and the Policy Lab at CIS. Also, he served on the Ad Hoc Committee to Review MIT Gift Processes, the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for Outside Engagements, and the Subcommittee on International Engagements of the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for Outside Engagements. He was a member of five graduate student committees and advised four UROP students.

Professor Lieberman chaired the department's graduate admissions committee, served as director of the Global Diversity Lab and faculty director of MIT-Africa, was a member of the Digital Humanities Lab advisory board, and served as an advisor to nine graduate students and 11 UROP students.

Professor Lin-Greenberg served on the department's PhD admissions committee and as a faculty advisor to the MIT Wargaming Working Group.

Professor Magazinnik served as the department's undergraduate minor advisor.

Professor Narang was a member of the department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Institute's Distinguished Fellowships Committee and served as a member of 11 PhD committees, chairing three.

Professor Nielsen served on nine PhD committees.

Professor Oye served as the department concentration advisor, on the undergraduate program committee, as director of the MIT Program on Emerging Technologies and Seminar XXI, and as an advisor for seven graduate students. In addition, he served on the leadership committee of the Internet Policy Research Institute and chaired the Broad Institute's Biofoundry Safety Committee. He is a member of the National Institutes of Health Novel and Exceptional Technologies Advisory Committee and the Gene Drive Working Group, among other roles. Also, Professor Oye engaged in consultations and ongoing discussions with Netherlands Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu and the NSF Engineering Research Center for Advanced Technologies for the Preservation of Biological Systems.

Professor Petersen supervised the student-run Security Studies Working Group and served on a faculty promotion committee as well as the Institute's ROTC Advisory Board. He was the faculty director of the new MISTI-USA program and organized the webinar Accelerating Innovation: University, US Military, and Private Sector Partnerships. He served on eight PhD committees, five of those as the committee chair.

Professor Posen served as the department's transfer credit examiner, supervised four second-year papers for graduate students, and served as an advisor for seven graduate students. He was a consultant for the National Intelligence Council and an outside reviewer for a Congressional Budget Office study (The Potential Effects on DoD's Forces and Strategy of a 10-Year, $1 Trillion Budget Reduction).

Professor Samuels served as director of the Center for International Studies and the MIT-Japan Program, as a member of the Dean's Search Committee for Director of Global Languages, and as a consultant for the National Intelligence Council.

Professor Schneider served as coordinator for the comparative politics faculty; was a member of the department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; and was the faculty sponsor for the student-run Latin American Working Group. Also, he was director of the MIT-Chile Program and a member of the MIT Sloan Latin American Office steering committee and the SHASS Education Advisory Committee. Professor Schneider advised 11 PhD students and one undergraduate student.

Professor Singer served as department head as well as in numerous roles in support of the Institute, including serving as secretary of the faculty and chairing the Working Group on Non-retaliation/Whistleblower Policy. He was a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Planning Team and the Academic Policy and Regulations Team and was the associate head of MacGregor House.

Professor Stewart was the department's undergraduate officer, served on the Institute's Committee on Discipline, and advised 19 UROP students.

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