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Welcome back to Political Science!

It’s impossible to believe that it’s been about 18 months since I had the opportunity to update you all on the department. We’ve shifted our newsletter to a summer schedule so that we can make sure we can talk about all the awesome things happening in the department during the year.

Since our last newsletter, the students, faculty and staff in the department have done some amazing things!

• Six faculty have achieved the rank of full professor: Ron Den Otter, Chris Den Hartog, Anika Leithner, Elizabeth Lowham, Matthew Moore, and Ning Zhang.

• The Academic Senate awarded Ron Den Otter the 2016 Distinguished Scholarship Award and me the 2017 Distinguished Teaching Award.

• The College of Liberal Arts awarded Matt Moore the 2017 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Institutional/Professional Service, Jean Williams the 2016 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Scholarship and me the 2017 Early Career Award for Achievement in Teaching.

• The Department awarded 32 awards to two cohorts of deserving seniors and graduate students.

• The campus recognized Nicole Angelini as the University Outstanding Graduate Student.

• Mock Trial competed for the first time as one of the top 48 teams in the National Championship Tournament.

And this is on top of all the other things we have done — supporting student travel to conferences, competing for Model UN, publishing two editions of Paideia, completing program review, onboarding two awesome new staff members (Denise Curtis and Sara Wilkinson), presenting research at conferences, providing commentary and analysis on the elections, hosting debates and speakers — and the list goes on. Importantly, our students and faculty continue to push the boundaries of political, policy and legal thinking, increasing the reach and value of the Cal Poly Political Science and Public Policy degrees.

I continue to count myself among the incredibly lucky who get to work with fabulous people, passionately committed to their work and teaching a group of high-achieving students, dedicated to learning and improving the world. Your commitment to providing, as our university president says, “your time, talent or treasure” to support our students makes everything in this newsletter possible. Thank you for everything you do.

If you’d like to get more involved and reconnect with the Political Science Department or Cal Poly, we’d love to hear from you!

Department Chair

ELIZABETH LOWHAM
ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD WELCOMES MARY HARRIS AS INCOMING CHAIR

I’m looking forward to starting my term as chair of the Alumni Advisory Board and working with students, faculty, fellow board members and alumni on ways to enhance our students’ experiences while attending Cal Poly. I hope to increase the department’s profile here in the community of San Luis Obispo and work on building connections with alumni that will benefit the department. These are challenging times politically, but they also provide opportunities for us to be creative in finding ways to build community and understanding locally, nationally and internationally. I’m excited to work with the student leaders from Model United Nations, Mock Trial, the Political Science Club, the Undergraduate Law Association, and Paideia, and will welcome input from any alumni who’d like to re-connect with the department.

Mary Harris (Political Science, ’80), Attorney at Law in San Luis Obispo, Calif., assumed the mantle of chair of the Alumni Advisory Board in spring 2017.

KEEP US UPDATED

We’d love to hear from you and keep you connected to the Cal Poly Political Science Department! If you have an update you’d like to share, please email politicalscience@calpoly.edu. If you’re interested in being more involved with the department, please consider becoming a Friend of the Board. You can get more information on the alumni board at politicalscience.calpoly.edu/alumni/alumni-board.
Robert R. “Bob” Burnett (Political Science, ’80)
I am still employed with Citizens Business Bank in Arcadia, Calif., having just passed my 34th year of employment as vice president service manager. Still living in Sierra Madre. My wife, Rosemary, works for AT&T; my daughter, Amanda, is employed with Huntington Hospital; and my daughter, Paige, is finishing her last year at Cal State Long Beach. I retired last year from the Sierra Madre Fire Department after 35 years as a battalion chief, but continue to be very active in several organizations in Sierra Madre. Rosemary and I travel often as we are now “empty nesters.” We visited Cal Poly this past March on the way up the coast and were very impressed with the changes on campus. The very best to all my friends from the past and those to come.

Danielle Walters (Political Science, ’90)
Just celebrated my 13-year anniversary with Sanofi US as senior director of federal reimbursement. Sanofi is a French bio-pharmaceutical company where I oversee our work in Medicaid and state government programs. I recently made a life change, selling my house in Sacramento and buying a 48-acre ranch in Amador County in the heart of the California Gold Country. The area is filled with great history, beautiful scenery and really good local wines. Also, my 20-year-old son is a mechanical engineering major at Quinnipiac University. Cheers! // Michelle Shoresman (Political Science, ’95) I graduated in 1995 with a Political Science degree and minor in Women’s Studies. In 1998, I received my Master’s of Public Administration from the University of Washington. In 2001, I moved back to San Luis Obispo and have been working for the San Luis Obispo County Health Agency for 15 years. I have a 9-year-old son and am happily married to social sciences graduate Jonathan Roberts. // Matthew Ceppi (Political Science, ’98) I recently joined CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as a principal in the higher education practice. I was previously with the California State University for 18 years, including at Cal Poly, the CSU Chancellor’s Office and, most recently, Cal State San Marcos. I completed my doctorate at Creighton University. // Melissa Fraser (Political Science, ’99) A quick update on post-Cal Poly life. After finishing at Cal Poly, I graduated from the Masters International Program with the Peace Corps and Rutgers University at Camden, which combined Peace Corps service in Lesotho with my graduate degree (MPA) studies. As this was about 15 years ago, I’ve spent years in non-profit work, another year volunteering with Peace Corps Response, and am now working with the U.S. Agency for International Development in food security and resilience programming. This requires a fair amount of overseas travel. Thanks for the updates — it’s nice to have a tie back to San Luis Obispo. // Nick Kosla (Political Science, ’99) I recently started my own land entitlement and venture capital firm called Kosla Ventures LLC (www.koslaventures.com). Under this entity, I entitled over 50 homes in Walnut Creek for my client Pulte Homes out of Pleasanton. This was the first “farm-to-table” subdivision in the San Francisco Bay Area and sets the new standard for sustainable real estate development in Northern California. I have also been busy raising my incredible daughters, Audrey and Grace, with my beautiful wife, Larissa.

Kathryn Mulholland (Political Science, ’03) I graduated from Cal Poly in June 2003 with a concentration in international affairs and a minor in French. Two months later, I moved to Brussels, Belgium, where I completed a one-year master’s program in international relations at the University of Kent’s postgraduate school, Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS). Upon my return to the U.S. (2004), I began a brief teaching assignment (eighth-grade English) with the Los Angeles Unified School District, which
Andrew J. Dean (Political Science, '05)
After graduating from Cal Poly in 2005, I was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Effective June 1, 2017, I was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. In 2014, I graduated from The George Washington University Law School, and I am currently a commercial litigation attorney with the law firm Patten, Wornom, Hatten & Diamonstein, L.C. in Newport News, Virginia. My wife and I are expecting our first child, a baby girl, due at the end of August. //

Dan O'Leary (Political Science, '05)
I recently accepted a new position at Facebook where I'm working on building the global service partnerships program for Workplace by Facebook, a new software product that was launched last October. It's a fascinating mix of business development, technology, social science and program management and is giving me exposure to companies all over the world. I'm learning by doing every single day, and leveraging my skills in writing, research, statistics and policy to make an impact. On the personal side of life, I also just bought my first home in San Jose. It's been a monumental last few months. //

Jessica Tabarez (Political Science, '06)
I am currently working at Palo Alto Networks, which is a network security company in the Bay Area. I have been doing trade compliance for the past six years and really enjoy the career path. It is a mixture of current events, legal, and keeping up with United States trade regulations. I also got married this past April in San Luis Obispo — no better place to say "I do!" Life has been good! //

Jeff Porto Jr. (MPP, '06)
Since my undergraduate and graduate experience at Cal Poly, here are a few things I would like to share: I worked in the private sector for a few years in political consulting and campaigns. A highlight; I helped the San Francisco 49ers build robust political and community support for their move to build a new NFL stadium in the city of Santa Clara. I reconnected in 2009 with a girl that was a classmate in junior high in Modesto, through Facebook's "People you may know." I re-met this girl, Leslie Teixeira, in 2009 at SLO Brew. She is (unfortunately, just kidding) a UCSB Gaucho alumna. We have been married since November 2014. Thank you, Mark Zuckerberg! We both work at University of California, Merced and live in Merced. I am a development director for student affairs and athletics, and Leslie works in research compliance and manages the IRB. Go Poly!

Lanz Nalagan (Political Science, '11)
I am honored to serve the LGBTQ community in the greater Sacramento region in my capacity as development coordinator for the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center. I also serve as political director for West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and finance director for Sacramento City Unified School Boardmember Mai Vang. //

Michael "Mike" Melzer (Political Science, '11)
After graduating, I taught English in Korea for one year. Then, I returned to earn my teaching credential at Cal Poly. Now, I will be a fourth-year teacher at Atascadero High School (AHS). I currently teach U.S. history and AP European history; I have taught government and economics in the past as well. I'm also the Interact Club advisor for AHS. //

Brian Podzius (Political Science, '12)
In 2015, I graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law. In May 2017, I joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges' New York office as an associate in the Business Finance and Restructuring Department. I know I'm all the way in New York, but I would be more than happy to assist any students who are interested in law school or potentially working for a very large law firm. I would love to help the department and its students in any way I can. //

Melissa Sparks (MPP, '12)
I recently changed job positions — I was with the California Department of Water Resources for almost four years after graduating with my Master of Public Policy. I was a project manager in the Financial Assistance Branch, working with local public agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes, and disadvantaged communities in administering grant funding for water infrastructure projects to improve local water supply. About eight months ago, I transitioned to the Association of California Water Agencies. I am now a policy analyst for ACWA, representing over 430 local public water agencies on both legislative and regulatory issues. I am involved with the Greater Sacramento chapter of the Active 20-30 Club. I am currently the vice president of the organization. We host fundraising events and participate in hands-on activities with other non-profit organizations to support the needs of children and youth services in our community. I am also recently engaged and will be getting married in the Sacramento area in September of 2018! //

Lauren Feuerborn (Political Science, '13)
After Cal Poly, I went to graduate school at University of San Francisco and earned my Master in Public Affairs degree in May 2017. I spent most of 2016 working on the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign and found that I could actually make a career out of...
doing what I love most. I am currently working for a political start-up called Democracy Labs, which aims to leverage innovation in technology and storytelling to serve grassroots movements and progressive campaigns. // Alex Kagarakis (Political Science, ’13) I have just earned my Master of Business Administration from IESEG School of Management in Paris, France and am currently working as a communications manager. I am grateful for my education and experience at Cal Poly, and in particular, the Political Science Department. // Adriana Hidalgo (Political Science, ’13) Upon graduation from Cal Poly, I moved to Washington, D.C., and began working on Capitol Hill for Congresswoman Lois Capps. I worked in Capps’ office for three years and built a wonderful network in the D.C. area. Upon Congresswoman Capps’ retirement at the end of 2016, I finished my time with her as a member of her legislative team handling a portfolio of policy issues. This past June, I joined the Office of House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi in San Francisco. I am the leader’s scheduler and executive assistant on the West Coast and am thoroughly enjoying my time with her thus far. // Chloe Cruz (Political Science, ’15) After two years of being a labor union organizer for SEIU Local 2015 and traveling throughout the state to unionize non-union nursing homes, I will be attending law school at Santa Clara University to pursue a career in being a lawyer for immigrant rights. Aside from a career change, I will also be marrying my fiancé prior to starting school, both of us were members of Cal Poly’s Mustang Band/ all the bands. // Daniel Wasta (Political Science, ’15) I managed a successful special election in Davenport, Iowa, electing Jim Lykam to the Iowa State Senate. I am currently managing a school bond campaign in Iowa City to fund $191.5 million in improvements to the Iowa City Community School District. And, I was inducted into the Iowa Democrats Hall of Fame as the 2017 Edward Campbell Rising Star. // Sara Feldman (Political Science, ’16) I graduated in 2016 and went on to Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University on a full merit scholarship. I am now a rising 2L. I placed in the top 16 percent of my class and am on the board of three groups on campus. I plan on trying out for two competition teams this upcoming year: mock trial and alternative dispute resolution. I also have an internship at a law firm in Santa Clarita this summer. // Kennedy Poe (Political Science, ’16) Since graduating from Cal Poly, I now attend law school at Pepperdine University School of Law. I am a 2L preparing to study abroad with Pepperdine in London in the fall. I am a member of the Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Law and a member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

NEW CAL POLY ALUMNI WELCOME CENTER

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is now located right in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo.

Find us at 854 Monterey St., on the corner of Monterey and Chorro streets.

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alumni.calpoly.edu
MUSTANG MOCKER’S MOMENTUM MATERIALIZES

By Justin Cooley

During the 2016-17 season, the Cal Poly Mock Trial program had the most successful year in team history. Each year, over 600 teams from universities around the country compete in American Mock Trial Association (AMTA). Cal Poly traveled to tournaments in Claremont, Fresno, Irvine, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Las Vegas and Tempe. For the first time, Cal Poly Mock Trial earned a bid to the National Championship Tournament in Los Angeles to compete as one of the top 48 teams in the nation. Cal Poly triumphed over their frequent rival, UC Davis, and came within two points of defeating the reigning national champions from Yale University.

Cal Poly Mock Trial students often received individual recognition throughout the season. “A Team” attorneys Deeksha Kohli, Zackery Michaelson and Jesse Quiroz were repeatedly ranked highly by judges. Zackery Michaelson earned a “Top Attorney” award at the regional competition in Fresno. Witnesses Chloe Loomer, Rod Rahimi and Garrett Rutherford also received top ranks at many of the competitions.

Cal Poly Mock Trial is not resting on its collective laurels, though. This year, the program hopes to travel with a third team, giving even more student team members the chance to develop their abilities. “As president this year, I hope to help our program advance more teams to higher levels of competition and to encourage our newer members to achieve as highly as we have in the past,” said 2017-18 Club President Erin Chazer (a double major in political science and English).

“Mock Trial made me believe in Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing philosophy by giving me an opportunity to come up with my own theories of the different cases,” Chazer adds. “It not only inspired in me a passion for the law that has helped me decide to apply for law school, but it also introduced me to some of the most influential people of my college career. I have seen the members of our program work together extensively and believe that Mock Trial helps students become connected to Cal Poly and to each other in a meaningful way.”
MODEL UNITED NATIONS
AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

By Miranda Chinichian and Kyle Libby

Model United Nations (MUN) has served as the focal point of several college careers. At the surface MUN is an opportunity to explore international crises and longstanding issues among different countries. We studied the institution at length, learned the importance and role of diplomats, and reviewed historic resolutions that have molded the UN to what it is today. But, the experience goes beyond the classroom. Like true diplomats, we attended conferences in San Francisco, New York, and Brasilia, Brazil. These conferences were the true application of Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing philosophy. At these conferences, we represented Germany, India, and Sudan while working with between 20 and 100 students on committees such as the General Assembly, Security Council, High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and the World Bank. We took the knowledge we learned in the classroom and applied it in a range of different settings. Committee topics covered nuclear disarmament, sustainable development, and human rights, to name a few. After hashing out the details and particulars of simulated global politics, we then attended our final committee meeting at the UN General Assembly. There, we discussed all the resolutions that had been drafted over the week and voted on them in the very chamber where actual UN delegates cover the same issues.

Behind the scenes, participating in MUN allowed us to explore beyond the UN experience. For instance, MUN is where we have made some of our closest friends. It allowed us to study, travel, and explore together. Each trip consisted of a new delegation of Cal Poly students, but by the end of every conference we all became a family connected by our passion for international relations. Also, these conferences stretched our networks of friends and colleagues as they now consist of students from all over the world. Without Cal Poly’s MUN program, we wouldn’t have been able to experience or even afford such trips. These experiences are something we are beyond grateful for. Ultimately, what MUN means to us cannot be adequately summed up into words.
Since 2012, more than 20 states have implemented more restrictive voter eligibility, identification and access laws. This fall, the Supreme Court of the United States will be hearing several cases to reevaluate standards for assessing whether gerrymandering, the practice of drawing electoral districts to advantage some groups over others, violates constitutionally protected voting rights. Amidst these constitutional controversies, this fall Associate Professor Mike Latner will join the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) in Washington, D.C., to serve as the Kendall Voting Rights Fellow at its Center for Science and Democracy. The fellowship is designed to strengthen and expand UCS collaboration with new partners in the advancement of evidence-based election policy, including partnerships with voting rights advocates, civic technologists, and other behavioral scientists.

As the Voting Rights Kendall Fellow, Latner will conduct meta-analyses of social science research around voting rights and redistricting to identify gaps in existing research and data; undertake original analyses that inform how voter disenfranchisement impacts UCS’s ability to achieve its strategic goals on climate, security, food and environmental justice; take efforts to assess how technology and behavioral science can reduce voter disenfranchisement; detail how voter disenfranchisement affects groups that are most vulnerable to current environmental and public health threats; and serve as a spokesperson for the UCS Center for Science and Democracy and the Kendall Fellows program.

“It is very exciting to be doing the science of democracy at this critical moment in the history of U.S. voting rights. With so much happening across the states and in the courts, there is a window of opportunity to apply the best science that we have to address our democratic crisis,” said Latner. “We need to be able to measure and assess the impact of laws that limit and expand access to the ballot, develop scientific and judicable standards to use in court, and assess the impact of partisan and racial electoral bias on the right to vote, as well as the policy outcomes that shape our environment and quality of life.”
By Elizabeth Lowham

This June, Professor Allen Settle announced that after 47 years of service, he would begin the retirement process, transitioning to emeritus professor and decreasing his teaching for the department. Allen has been a vibrant presence in the department since 1970. In the 10 years I have been at Cal Poly, he has served as a crucial keeper of institutional memory and support for junior faculty. Allen served as the department representative when many of us went through the promotion and tenure process, advocating for our professional success and tenure. Importantly, at least for me, Allen was generous in creating space for more junior faculty to make decisions about the department, allowing us to create our own careers and participate in shaping the future of the department. He was both knowledgeable about the history and growth of the program and college, but also so open to our ideas and vision. Students are often impressed with Allen’s passion for politics at all levels and his ability to connect daily events to bigger picture themes and topics in his courses. His ability to translate his passion for politics to his students is nothing short of inspirational.

Thank you, Allen, for all you have done for the students and faculty of the Political Science Department! We would not be the same without you!

“I still fondly remember Constitutional Law class. We were so lucky to have some of the best instructors in those years.” — Robert Sly (Political Science, ‘72)
THE POLITICS & POLICY OF CYBERSECURITY
This year, Bill Britton, vice president of Information Technology and chief information officer at Cal Poly, approached political science with an ambitious idea — he wanted Cal Poly to develop the first ever interdisciplinary case study journal dedicated to cybersecurity. Britton argued that most people don’t know enough about their technology or how to protect themselves from cybercriminals, and that this journal would attempt to overcome this lack of knowledge among university students. Specifically, this project would create teams of students and faculty from many of the colleges within the university to write case studies focusing on different cybersecurity events and threats, analyzing them both as technological problems and social issues. These case studies could then be leveraged in classrooms to teach more students about cybersecurity. Students and faculty from the Political Science Department played crucial roles throughout the project.

PROJECT MANAGER – NICOLE ANGELINI
As the project manager and founding editor for the Cybersecurity Case Library, my role responsibilities were vast. When this project was simply an idea, it was my responsibility to give it life. I started out by developing what it would look like for teams of students and faculty from multiple departments to work together. I developed a charter that included the mission of the project: to create tools to teach future thought leaders about cybersecurity. This charter also outlined how students and faculty would meet and interact including, initial meetings, the syllabus, and the template of the physical case study. I recruited students and faculty from different departments and teamed them up to write the case studies. I brought in copy editors to assist in working with the students throughout the quarter to ensure a high-quality standard in the case studies. I coordinated schedules over the span of four quarters that ensured that faculty advisors approved of the papers, but also that the papers were reviewed blindly. This process ensured that the papers were de-jargoned and accessible for a wide audience. I also recruited and oversaw a managing editor to finalize the cover art, final editing and physical publication.

By Nicole Angelini, Kyle Libby, Naomi Palmer, Shelley Hurt and Elizabeth Lowham
STUDENT TEAM MEMBERS – KYLE LIBBY AND NAOMI PALMER

Taking part in the case study was a unique experience and challenge. Working with the Cybersecurity Case Library (CCL) allowed us to explore the technical and policy implications of cybersecurity in a field that is just emerging. CCL allowed us to engage in interdisciplinary research and the peer-review process, both of which are key examples of Learn by Doing and valuable in the job market.

The most enriching part of this experience was being able to work with students from another discipline, and knowing that our work could be published in the inaugural journal. We each worked with different students from computer science. Without a doubt, our final papers would not have been as comprehensive if it had been just computer scientists or political scientists writing the paper. The CCL allowed us to combine our different disciplines, experiences and knowledge in this endeavor. One of us explored how an international cyber breach would likely be adjudicated in the existing legal frameworks, given the nature of cloud computing and sovereignty, and the other explored how we might better design approval processes to protect autonomous vehicles from hacking.

However, the entire experience was no walk in the park. We were often confronted with conflicting work ethics, styles of writing and creative differences — all normal parts of team projects. But, we also began to create a new, shared language that intersected computer science and political science. Overcoming these differences through compromise and communication was a learning experience and an integral part of our overall case study experience. We are very grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the Cybersecurity Case Library; it was a unique hallmark of our overall undergraduate experience.

FACULTY ADVISORS AND REVIEWERS – ANIKA LEITHNER, ELIZABETH LOWHAM AND SHELLEY HURT

We oversaw the work of two independent teams. One team of two worked on sovereignty and cloud computing; the other team of three worked on security threats to autonomous vehicles. Both projects required the teams to develop a shared understanding of the problems with both technical and socio-political lenses and to collaborate on the best ways of explaining and addressing the concerns.

After the cases were completed, Angelini, the project manager, asked the two of us and Associate Professor Shelley Hurt to serve as reviewers for cases we had not overseen. The goal of the review was to assess the quality of the cases in substantive and pedagogical terms and provide anonymous feedback for the editors and authors. The procedure was very formal and impressive. It involved a double-blind review process, which represents one of the highest standards in the academy. The student essays we reviewed addressed extremely timely and ambitious topics. After receiving our initial sets of suggested revisions, the students had an opportunity to choose which edits they wanted to make. Throughout the entire process, the double-blind review process was preserved. We remain extremely impressed by the various students across the Cal Poly community who are implementing projects that represent the Learn by Doing philosophy in practice in different ways.
Today, faculty are able to choose from wide variety of books for their classes, but things were not always that way.

In the 1980s, the Political Science faculty recognized the need for an introductory, comprehensive book on developing countries that would appeal not just to Political Science students, but also to other majors in general education courses. Joe Weatherby, chair of the department at the time, organized the effort, and invited faculty from his department to contribute chapters on different topics and regions. Inspired by Michael Harrington’s book, “The Other America,” the faculty settled on the title, “The Other World,” to underscore how the reader would be exposed to a wide variety of cultures, economics and politics. The first edition of the book came out in 1987. It was so successful, that it would be followed by eight more editions. And the book was special, because it was a Cal Poly product.

Many department alumni can survey the list of contributing authors and recognize a professor. Weatherby, William Alexander, Randal Cruikshanks, Earl Huff, Richard Kranzdorf, Reg Gooden, John Culver, Carl Lutrin, Dianne Long and Bud Evans contributed a chapter at one time or another. Indeed, as the department faculty roster changed, so too did the author list of “The Other World.” Still, by the ninth edition in 2011, the book had seen its Cal Poly connections fade. Craig Arceneaux, who made his first contribution to the 2007 edition of the book, took on the role of lead editor. With several contributors nearing retirement, there was an opportunity to restore the prominence and role of Cal Poly in a 10th edition.

Anika Leithner and Ning Zhang joined the team and drafted new chapters, and to add to the interdisciplinary approach of the text, Ben Timms, a geographer from the Social Sciences Department, was invited to contribute. Only one author in the new edition, Ira Reed of Trinity College, hails from beyond Cal Poly. The 10th edition adds a heavy dose of new issues that hold growing relevance in the 21st century, such as sustainable development, democratization, cultural interactions and globalization. Early reviews describe the text as “the perfect introductory text to the developing regions,” as a “valuable teaching tool during this era of rapid and far reaching change,” and as a book that will “shift its readers’ perspective.”
Although my time at Cal Poly has flown by, the growth and experience I have gained through the Political Science Department is exponential. As early as possible, I got involved with the department’s Model United Nations (MUN) program. In July 2017, I was fortunate to travel with Professor Arceneaux and nine other students to Brazil to attend the Americas Model United Nations XIX Conference in the nation’s capital, Brasilia. As a child of two Brazilian immigrants, I was thrilled to return to Brazil and meet hundreds of other students from South America. My background and recent visit to Brazil led to my research on political corruption in Brazil. With the help of Professor Zhang, I discovered that in Brazil, while there are many political, cultural and legal factors that work to deter corruption after it occurs, there are no factors to deter corruption before it occurs. I was honored with the John H. Lynn Award for Best Senior Project Paper from the Political Science Department and hope to one day further my research on political corruption in Brazil and other parts of the world. Finishing my senior project early allowed me to devote my time to the political science academic journal, “Paideia,” where I served as one of the five editors of the journal for the 2016-17 school year. My essay, “The Road to Brexit,” was selected to be in “Paideia,” and I worked one-on-one with the executive editor to polish my essay for publication. I was recently awarded the 2017 Political Science Outstanding Senior of the Year award and am extremely grateful for this honor from the Political Science faculty. I hope to keep making them proud as I continue my endeavors following Cal Poly.

I am very thrilled to be a June 2017 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in political science, concentrating in global politics, and a minor in sociology. While I managed to graduate in only three years, I still feel more than prepared to start my next journey due to the help of the faculty in the Political Science Department. Starting in September, I will begin my fellowship in the Judicial Administration sector of the Capital Fellows program. I was selected to be placed in the Superior Court of Los Angeles to work on a variety of judicial administration, analysis, and case management work. I am forever thankful for the guidance and commitment to teaching from my professors and will continue to use them as my inspiration in the future.

LUANA MELLO

2017 Outstanding POLS Student from the College of Liberal Arts

JOHN H LYNN AWARDS

- 590 Paper // 2017 — Nicole Angelini
- Best Senior Project (Project) // 2017 — Sarah Howland
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In my capacity as a graduate intern with the Cybersecurity Case Library, I worked with Bill Britton, Cal Poly’s interim chief information officer and director of the Cal Poly Cybersecurity Center, and Paul Jurasin, director of new programs at Cal Poly. Together, we developed the first ever interdisciplinary case study journal dedicated to cybersecurity.

My POLS 590 project focused on trying to better understand cybersecurity stakeholder perspectives both in the public sector and private industry. I looked at how researchers in the field define cybersecurity threats and problems and then compared them to the actual beliefs of cybersecurity stakeholders and practitioners. I found that cybersecurity practitioners from both private industry and the public sector strongly believed that the U.S. government does not have the tools or skillset to handle the cybersecurity problem as it exists today. I presented my findings at the Western Political Science Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, in April.

I am eternally grateful for the people I have worked with, the opportunities I have been blessed with, and all that I have learned at this institution. I feel incredibly humbled by the support and mentorship I have received from the Political Science Department faculty. It is with their help that I received the John H. Lynn Award for Best POLS 590 Paper, the Master of Public Policy Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and Cal Poly’s Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

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RON DEN OTTER  
**2016 Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarship Award**

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MATT MOORE  
**2017 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Institutional/Professional Service**

Matthew Moore won the 2017 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Service. Moore is frequently the external face of the department with students, discussing their individual goals and needs and then working with them to tailor an academic and professional path. Moore has been crucial to the design, implementation and streamlining of our assessment processes in the department. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that we are generating meaningful information with student success and learning at its core.

JEAN WILLIAMS  
**2016 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Research**

Jean Williams won the 2016 Richard K. Simon Award for Outstanding Career Achievement in Research. She regularly provides learning opportunities for Cal Poly students through her research projects. At the core of her research is a focus on promoting inclusivity and participation in decision making and problem solving by understanding the stories, experiences and contexts of populations with little political voice, and, by extension, those populations with little opportunity to amass power in the political process.

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ELIZABETH LOWHAM

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The Academic Senate awarded Elizabeth Lowham its 2017 Distinguished Teaching Award, recognizing her teaching excellence in undergraduate and graduate classes in public policy, research methodology/statistics, environmental policy, leadership and interdisciplinary studies. The award recognizes Lowham’s work to create learning environments that encourage students to actively engage and explore while extending their knowledge, skills, and curiosity. Lowham also received the 2017 CLA Early Career Award for Achievement in Teaching.

UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS TRAVEL
Thanks to alumni support

This year, the department helped an unprecedented number of students travel for conferences and symposia:

- Nicole Angelini — 2017 Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Danielle Veatch — 2017 Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Nicole Chen — 2017 Policy Sciences Annual Conference, Claremont, Calif.
- Mick Bruckner — 2017 DC Queer Studies Symposium, Washington, D.C.
- Matt Klepfer — 2017 DC Queer Studies Symposium, Washington, D.C.
- Alexis Sheffield — Global Policy Seminar, Public Leadership Education Network, Washington, D.C.
- Juan Ortiz Salazar — 2017 Congressional Visit Days, Washington, D.C.

For Angelini and Veatch, this was the first time the department has been able to support international travel for students to present their research projects. Veatch’s work on human sex trafficking and Angelini’s work on cybersecurity policy were well received and both are currently investigating options for publication. Ortiz Salazar, a double major in Political Science and Materials Engineering, was the only student from the state of California invited to participate in Congressional Visit Days.

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