Greetings from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Emory Department of Political Science,

Greetings from Tarbutton Hall! I am happy to report that the Emory Department of Political Science is thriving. Among other wonderful accomplishments this year, *US News and World Report* for the first time ranked our department in the top 25 in the nation.

We want to extend our deep gratitude to Emory alumni and faculty for helping the political science department reach its first fund-raising goal. Having received more than $50,000 in donations, we have established an endowment to support undergraduate research permanently. Those funds will enrich the research experiences of outstanding Emory undergraduates such as Emily Calvert, profiled in this issue of the newsletter.

Our next fund-raising goal is to boost support for faculty and graduate student research, towards helping raise the stature of the department and Emory more broadly. Your contributions will help support the research of faculty such as Tom Remington, whose interests in Russia and China are described in the current issue. Your support will also support graduate students like Sabrina Karim, whose research on gender and conflict is described here.

The faculty, current students, and future students in political science are deeply grateful for your support. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Dan Reiter
Chair, Department of Political Science
The Department of Political Science is thrilled to announce the arrival of three new tenure track faculty in fall 2013. All three will boost the department’s ability to offer vibrant and contemporary courses for undergraduate and graduate students. All three have already enjoyed publication successes and will substantially boost the department’s reputation for producing cutting-edge research.

Shawn Ramirez will receive a PhD in political science from the University of Rochester this summer, where she was an award-winning graduate instructor. She has spent the past two years on fellowship at Harvard University. She specializes in the study of violent conflict between and within states, with a special focus on the connections between domestic politics and international conflict. Among her many scholarly assets, she brings to Emory advanced expertise in formal theory. She is completing a book on diplomacy and the legitimacy of international agreements.

Danielle Jung received a PhD in political science in 2012 from the University of California at San Diego. She spent last year as a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University. Her main scholarly interests are in conflict processes within states, especially terrorism and violent insurgency. She uses a variety of methodologies in her scholarship, including quantitative methods, agent-based modeling, field experiments, and others. Her current research projects cover areas such as the insurgency in Iraq, determinants of voting participation in Uganda, and others.

Greg Martin will receive a PhD from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University this summer. His primary scholarly interests are in quantitative and formal methodologies, especially in application to American politics. His research projects cover areas such as the influence of campaign advertising on elections, the dynamics of federal budget politics, and the presidential veto. He will substantially strengthen our graduate and undergraduate methodology course offerings, especially in game theory and statistics.

The faculty, staff, and students at Emory all bid Shawn, Danielle, and Greg a hearty welcome!
I have been studying and teaching about communist and postcommunist politics for forty years. When I first came to Emory in 1978, I taught a course called the “three worlds of communism,” which compared the different trajectories communist rule had taken in the Soviet bloc, Yugoslavia, and China. I taught a course on Chinese politics in the early 1980s, where a lot of the focus was on Mao and Maoism, including the incredibly destructive Cultural Revolution. Each year I taught courses on Soviet politics and Soviet foreign policy.

Once the Soviet system disintegrated. I focused my attention on the remarkable changes occurring in Russia, especially the emergence of new democratic institutions such as elections, parties, and legislative assemblies. I spent years studying Russia’s parliament, examining its procedures and voting behavior, and interviewing members of parliament. For a number of years I helped to lead a series of workshops in Russia bringing together Russian parliamentarians with their counterparts from Europe and America. After 2000, Russia’s parliament was neutered as Russian President Vladimir Putin concentrated power in the presidency. The formal democratic institutions created under Russia’s 1993 constitution have remained, but are now largely pro forma. There is no real party competition, and no real checks and balances in the system. This makes it harder for Russia to address its serious policy challenges. The country is far too dependent on its natural resources. Income inequality has risen to American levels, and the middle class is not growing in size.

China, too, despite its remarkable economic performance, faces equivalent challenges to its growth model: its income inequality is the highest in Asia, and it is experiencing a shrinking supply of low-wage labor. The leaders in both Russia and China recognize that their economic strategies need to be reformed, both in order to distribute the benefits of growth more equitably across society and to invest more in human resources. But they do not want to introduce democratic methods to increase popular participation in decision making. As we know from the United States, it is hard enough in a democracy to generate support for policies that require paying more now for uncertain and long-term benefits. But authoritarian regimes are often even more unwilling to make tough choices that bring long-run benefits. That is the issue I have been studying in recent years: what can Russia and China do to expand access to social benefits such as retirement security and quality health care, while at the same time laying the foundation for a sustainable trajectory of economic growth in the future? This has required me to learn more about contemporary China. I have been studying the language and am teaching a course on Chinese politics. I have made several trips to China to consult with experts there, and I hope to collaborate with colleagues in China and Russia to carry out a large-scale survey of business firms in the two countries to learn more about the role that firms play in social policy.
As a second-year graduate student in political science, my broad research interests are in the intersection of gender and security. Specifically, I am interested in understanding how security organizations are affected by gender integration, a process sometimes called gender balancing. I currently have four main projects related to gender and security.

First, Associate Professor Kyle Beardsley and I received a grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy in 2011 to analyze the impact of gender balancing in international peacekeeping. As a first step, we analyzed data gathered from the United Nations (UN) on the deployments of female military and police peacekeepers since 2006. We found that female peacekeepers get deployed to the “safest” missions rather than to the locations where they might be most needed, such as missions with high gender-based violence. The results will be published in an article in the academic journal *International Interactions* this summer. We have also collected data on which countries contribute female peacekeepers to international peacekeeping operations, finding that there is no correlation between countries with better records of gender equality and increased female troop/police allocation, as is commonly assumed by the international community. Both studies will be used as components of a book on female peacekeeping. That book will analyze the distribution patterns of female peacekeeping and the effectiveness of female peacekeepers in different missions. I was also invited to coauthor a chapter on female peacekeeping in the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Gender and Conflict* (Oxford).

The second project focuses on gender balancing as a part of security sector reform. In summer 2012, I conducted a survey of 649 individuals in two communities in Monrovia, Liberia. I asked questions about the respondents’ exposure to women in the security sector (including peacekeeping missions) and about their perceptions of the security institutions. I found some evidence suggesting that exposure to women serving in the security sector leads to better perceptions about corruption and increased recruitment, and some evidence suggesting that exposure to women leads to individuals being less eager to use the security sector and women within the security sector in particular to address community problems. Entrenched gender stereotypes about women in combat and security-related positions may be responsible for these patterns.

My last two projects cover other topics in gender and conflict. In one, I use field experiments to explore whether gender balance affects group dynamics among members of the Liberia National Police. The other looks at the prevalence of transactional sex with UN peacekeepers in Monrovia. We conducted a representative survey of Monrovian women and found that more than 30 percent of women age 18 to 30 in the general population have engaged in transactional sex with a UN peacekeeper.

Though I am only in my second year, Emory has proven a wonderful place for me to pursue my graduate studies. The faculty and my fellow graduate students have provided me with tremendous support, as well as a vibrant intellectual environment for me to develop my research ideas.
Spotlight on Undergraduates: Finding My Path at Emory

By Emily Calvert

When I first arrived on campus in autumn 2009, I had very little idea where my journey at Emory University would take me. In fact, when I began my college career I was positive that I would graduate as a violin performance major. And yet, four years later, I have emerged with a double major in international studies and Chinese language and literature (although I still play the fiddle on the side). I owe my fantastic experience entirely to the amazing faculty and staff I have encountered throughout the past four years.

My freshman year, I signed up for Chinese language classes on a whim. I had studied French in high school, but none of the French classes fit into my schedule and I have always found the language and culture of China fascinating. Similarly, I signed up for a few international studies classes out of pure curiosity, and quickly fell in love with the subject. After taking international political economy with Associate Professor Eric Reinhardt in my sophomore year, I declared an international studies major with a focus in political economy. As I continued to take both international studies classes and Chinese courses, I found that the two subjects complimented each other: my international studies courses gave me the political and global context of US-China relations, while my Chinese courses gave me some insight into the culture and customs of the country. I finally decided to drop my music major in favor of a Chinese major and continue my study of the language at a higher level.

Of the many factors that have shaped my college career, a few stand out in particular. I studied abroad in Beijing between my sophomore and junior years, giving me a chance to apply the knowledge I had gained in both my Chinese language courses and my international studies classes. Between my junior and senior year, I once again applied my experiences from Emory in the real world as an intern in The Carter Center’s China Program. These two summer experiences, along with guidance from my major adviser, professor Reinhardt, and my thesis adviser, Professor Tom Remington, helped shape the honors thesis I am currently working on, studying the relationship between traditional media in China and the Chinese Internet. I have even been fortunate enough to receive funding from the Department of Political Science’s undergraduate research fund to help me hire additional translators for my thesis research. Without that support, I could hardly have hoped to finish wading through the piles of Chinese news articles I needed to examine.

While I have not yet cemented my plans for after graduation, I feel confident going into the real world armed with the knowledge and experiences I have gained at this university, and in particular the international awareness and political knowledge I have gained here in the political science department. I will always remain grateful to the amazing faculty and staff I have encountered along my path to graduation.
Department News

**Gabriel Nahmias** received the department’s Elliott Levitas award, given annually to the outstanding graduating senior in political science. Gabriel is graduating with a BA and MA in political science.

**Nour El-Kebbi**, a graduating senior, received a Robert T. Jones Jr. Fellowship, supporting a year of graduate study at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Nour will pursue a degree in Middle Eastern and Central Asian security studies.

**Nikhil Raghuveera**, a rising senior, will be interning at the London office of Goldman Sachs this summer.

In summer 2012, **Jeffrey Chen**, a graduating senior, interned in the public relations office of Ogilvy and Mather in Beijing. He made great use of the skills he learned in **Associate Professor Courtney Brown’s** class, Political Videography, profiled in last year’s newsletter.

**Associate Professor Tom Clark** won the William Riker Award from the American Political Science Association (APSA) for best book in political economy for his 2010 book, *The Limits of Judicial Independence* (Cambridge). He also won the Best Journal Article Award from the Law and Courts Section of APSA, for the second year in a row.

**Associate Professor Michael Owens** was elected chair of the Governing Board of the Urban Affairs Association.

**Professor Holli Semetko** is coeditor of *The Sage Handbook of Communication* (Sage), published in 2012.

**Clifford Carrubba** was promoted from associate professor to full professor.

**Professor Thomas Remington** will be spending the 2013–2014 academic year as a visiting scholar at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

**Professor Alan Abramowitz** and **Assistant Professor Drew Linzer** both enjoyed great success and media attention for correctly forecasting the outcome of the 2012 presidential election. Professor Abramowitz correctly forecast the popular vote, and Professor Linzer correctly forecast the Electoral College vote.

The Office of University Community Partnerships (OUCP) celebrated its tenth birthday. **Associate Professor Michael Rich** directs the OUCP.

The department enjoyed an outstanding year in placing its graduate students. **Josh Strayhorn** will start as an assistant professor of political science at the University of Colorado this fall. **Jacob Ricks** will start as an assistant professor at Singapore Management University. **John Reuter** will start as an assistant professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. **Andrew Kirkpatrick** will start as assistant professor of political science at Christopher Newport College. **Emily Hencken Ritter** will be moving from the political science department at the University of Alabama to the political science department at the University of California at Merced. **Jeff Kucik** will be moving from University College London to the University of California at Irvine. **Nicole Baerg** has already started a postdoctoral research position in the Political Economy of Reforms Project at the University of Mannheim in Germany. **Barry Hashimoto** will be starting a position as a Global Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University in Shanghai, China, this fall. **Nathan Danneman**, after receiving a PhD this summer, will start a position at Data Tactics, a security, defense, and intelligence consulting firm in Washington.
Alumni News

1990s
Paul Fabrizio G95 is vice president for academic affairs and professor of political science at McMurry University.

2000s
Michael Horowitz C00 was awarded the 2012 Edgar L. Furniss Book Award for his 2010 book, The Diffusion of Military Power (Princeton). He also received an award for the best Journal of Politics article of the year for his 2012 coauthored article, “When Backing Down Is the Right Decision: Partisanship, New Information, and Audience Costs.” He is associate professor in the political science department at the University of Pennsylvania. This year he is serving a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship in the Strategy, Plans, and Forces office of the US Department of Defense.

Robert Friedman C02 serves as attorney adviser in the Office of Legal Adviser for the US Department of State.

Cameron Chisholm C03 was named by the Diplomatic Courier and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy as one the 99 most influential foreign policy leaders under 33. Cameron is president and founder of the International Peace and Security Institute.

Kristin Michelitch C03 received a PhD in political science from New York University in 2012. This past year, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame. She starts as an assistant professor of political science at Vanderbilt University this fall.

Nomani Goheer C05 is an associate in the international trade group at the law firm of Arent Fox in Washington, DC. She attributes her professional success in part to research on the Vietnamese coffee industry she undertook with Professor Rick Doner when she was an Emory undergraduate.

J. B. Tarter C06 G06 was named by Forbes as one of the top 30 under 30 in law and policy. He is currently assistant general counsel at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Jane Winzer G06 is grant manager at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Chukchi Campus.

2010s
Jacob Brown C12 won the 2012 national Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Scholarship for Graduate Study in Political Science.

Colleen Campbell C12 is working as a project assistant for the litigation practice group at the law firm of Sidley Austin, in Washington. She will be attending Harvard Law School this fall.

Joshua deGastyne C12 is an intern at Forever Family, a nonprofit organization that serves foster care.

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