2016 Political Science Department Highlights
Notable Events:

January: Wendy Silverman joins the department!

February: Only 2 relatively small floods occur in Hickman this winter (one of the warmest in recorded history).

March, Kathleen Hall Jamieson gives our first Dean’s Distinguished Lecture: “Communicating the Value and the Values of Science.”

April: Something noteworthy surely happened. Let us observe a moment of silence while everyone fantasizes.
Notable Events:

May, Barack Obama as 2015 Graduation Speaker.

June, Deans buy into ambitious (audacious?) plan to hire 12 new faculty over the next 4 years. At least half the department faints in surprise.

July, Lisa Miller and Andy Murphy promoted to Full Professor. Yea!!!!!

August: State funds to refurbish Hickman Hall officially disappear, as do any immediate plans for relocating.
September, new faculty Xian Huang and Hannah Walker (in practice, delayed one year) officially join the department.

September, university’s new financial systems introduced. Everyone gets paid; nothing else works.

October: Rick enquires about plan B for replacing Hickman Hall. Deans burst into uproarious laughter.
November:  *Day of Revolutionary Thinking*, University concludes 250th anniversary celebration. Three of 50 returning distinguished alumni guests that day were Political Science department graduates: Bill Clark, Elora Mukherjee, and Manfred Steger. Big honor for us!

December:  Din Ambar, Yalidy Matos, and Andrey Tomashevskiy hired as a first installment on our strategic hiring plan.

And as of about 2 hours ago, Katie McCabe has joined the parade! Welcome everyone!
2016 Dean's Distinguished Lectureships
Keynotes in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Communicating the Value and Values of Science
Kathleen Hall Jamieson
Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor of Communication
Director, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania
Faculty books published in 2016
THE OTHER RIGHTS REVOLUTION

Conservative Lawyers and the Remaking of American Government

JEFFERSON DECKER
INTIMATE JUSTICE

The Black Female Body and the Body Politic

SHATEMA THREADCRAFT
THE MYTH OF MOB RULE

VIOLENT CRIME & DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

LISA L. MILLER
The Mandate of Dignity

Ronald Dworkin, Revolutionary Constitutionalism, and the Claims of Justice

Drucilla Cornell and Nick Friedman
PhD Dissertations Successfully Defended in 2016

Hesham Alammar
Narratives and Outcomes of the Uprisings in Syria and Bahrain

Noah Eber-Schmid
Democracy’s Fanatics: Political Extremism and Democratic Politics in the Early American Republic

Janna Ferguson
International Institutions and the Making of Remittances: Gendered Inclusions and Exclusions
Flavio Hickel  
*Seeking Legitimacy in the Past: Civil Religion and Ideological Conflict*

Douglas Jones  
*Vitamin or Poison? Wasta and Politics in Jordan*

Ashley Koning  
*(Grand Old) Party Crashers: The Effects of Republican Atypical Issue Advocacy and Cross-pressure Framing on Party Opinion Change*
Sarah Morgan Smith
“With a Publick Spirit”: Community and Commitment in New England, 1630 - 1689

Stephanie Szitanyi
Degendering and Regendering: Contemporary Gender Trouble in the United States Military
May 15, 2016

Rutgers Graduation
CLASS AND STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION ON THE EE
COURSE OF YEARS OF ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING AND ALLIANCE
November 10, 2016

A Day of Revolutionary Thinking

Rutgers 250th Anniversary