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Dear Alumni and Friends of Rutgers Department of Political Science,

I am delighted to present to you the second edition of our Annual Report in which we tell you a bit about ourselves and take stock of our achievements in teaching and research.

As you will learn from the pages that follow, the department is very active in several areas. Our faculty produces important research, contributes to many key debates of the day, and trains the next generation of thoughtful and caring professionals. We lecture around the world on such key issues as civil wars and international tensions, crises of democracy or women’s rights. Our work engages with the most important issues of American domestic politics, ranging from racial and ethnic inequities to democracy-threatening polarization. At the same time, we develop novel methodological tools to improve our ability to understand the increasingly complex and rapidly changing world. We are often called by the media to comment on a broad range of issues.

As any complex institution, we are changing, as some people retire or depart, while new colleagues join our ranks. This year will be particularly memorable, as three legendary professors will soon retire: Cynthia Daniels, Ross Baker, and Robert Kaufman. Each of them has left an indelible mark on their respective fields: women and politics, congressional politics in the US, and comparative politics/political economy. It would take a much larger brochure to list the innumerable achievements that have made them highly regarded and impactful scholars, both nationally and internationally.

Our faculty is becoming younger and more diverse. This brings new intellectual energy to the department and allows us to think about the challenges of the day with increased sophistication and depth. Our expertise is sought after, as is clearly shown by the scope of the national and international collaborations and the range of institutions that invite us to present our work.

We have also welcomed two new fabulous faculty members, Profs. Paru Shah and Robert Schub, who are introduced later in this publication. We are at the moment searching worldwide for two scholars to join us in teaching and researching: one in the field of American politics and one in the field of comparative politics. We have brought to the campus eight amazing scholars and have learned about their fascinating research; now we must choose which of them to invite to join us in September 2024.

Our graduate students produce noted dissertations and move on to exciting positions around the country, while our undergraduates find great jobs or continue their education at the top institutions in the country and abroad. The UNMA Program, that will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year, continues to train consummate professionals who move on to a variety of interesting careers.

With the departure of Jackie Vinasco, we will conduct yet another staff search, but we have been fortunate to recruit wonderful Tara James, who is introduced on these pages. The new staff search gives us an opportunity to rethink our administrative structure, as we are always interested in making our work more effective while improving our service to the students in all three programs.

I am very proud to chair this great institution!

Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2024!

Jan Kubik
Distinguished Professor and Chair
Department of Political Science
The undergraduate program continues to chug along. We’ve got 1100 students pursuing a major or minor under our supervision, with many thinking they’re heading to law school, others considering careers in the national intelligence world, and even others heading to Capitol Hill, Trenton, or the international NGO sector, all, to make real their vision for how to make the world a better place.

Two of our faculty, Doug Cantor and Jo-Leo Carney-Waterton, brought our students into much closer interaction with the legal system. Prof. Cantor sent his students in Law and Politics to observe the Federal Courthouse in Newark and to interact with the judges and legal staff there. Prof. Jo-Leo Carney-Waterton brought the judge to campus and had a closer conversation about how the legal system in its reality differs from what one sees on TV. Most of the students report themselves even more interested in law school as a result!

Outside of the legal world, Prof. Field held several information sessions to help students understand career options. We had presentations from students currently in law school or launching careers having just graduated. We had presentations from students in MA-level or PhD-level studies to explain what and why these degrees might be useful. We had presentations from alumni in DC who have moved into legislative or executive branch positions. Still to come are presentations from alumni in the corporate world and in the NGO world, but that’s for spring.

The program in Critical Intelligence Studies continues to be the envy of the nation. Prof. Majlesi is regularly called to DC to explain to other schools how to run this program. 23 of her students were hired into the national intelligence community last summer and others are busy researching state- and national-level threats to our well-being. The program focuses on questions of national security but balances them with a strong emphasis on privacy and other constitutional protections. This is, in fact, the abiding question: how do we as a free country balance security and liberty? With help from our faculty, we expect our students to keep that balance in mind wherever they go.

We know our alumni are doing great things. Many staff legislative positions in Trenton and Washington. Many others have moved through law school to careers in public service, in “Big Law”, and in private practice. Many of our alumni have already joined our alumni network and are getting to work advising our current students on the ups and downs of the many career directions they’ve taken. We are hard at building that alumni network and would love to add you to our collection of mentors.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Emanuele Calianno

Rutgers Political Science undergraduate Emanuele Calianna published with the Free Russia Institute. Building off his final paper from the Spring 2023 course, Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe, Emanuele’s article examines the prospects of Russian dissolution following the war in Ukraine and potential domestic unrest in the future.

CONVOCATION 2023

Rutgers 2023 graduate, Alesar Harfoush, delivering the student address at the 2 pm Convocation.

INNOVATING THE JOB MARKET

Rutgers 2023 Graduate, Kemani A. Scott was offered a position as the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee's first ever Press Assistant. Kemani wrote to the department, saying “Without any doubt, the faculty at Rutgers and the Poli Sci department have given me so much and none of this would be possible without them!”
The 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Political Science’s Master of Arts degree in United Nations and Global Policy Studies (UNMA) will take place next year (2024).

Over the years, enrollment has been steady, and since 2016, 165 students have graduated from the program. Of our graduates, many have found jobs in their preferred field.

UNMA STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

The Rutgers Committee to Advance our Common Purposes has awarded its Impact Award to UNMA student Sarah MaClure for her activism in raising awareness about period poverty. The award recognizes students who have had “an incredible impact in a short amount of time on issues of diversity, inclusion, equity, and access at Rutgers”.

The Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program is an interdisciplinary certificate, open to all Rutgers graduate students interested in politics and government. Throughout the year, Eagleton gives students access to practitioners in state and national politics and government who serve to bridge the gap between the academic training of a graduate student and the everyday challenges of a life in politics and public affairs. Three UNMA students, Quinnie Collins, Laura Esteban, and Mimi Hattoh were awarded 2024 Eagleton Fellowships.

The Annual UNMA essay competition for 2023 was won by Janine Kuroczik for her essay “Opposing Globalization from the Left and from the Right”.

GLOBAL ASIAS AFFILIATE

Dr. Roland Rich, Director of UNMA, accepted the invitation to be affiliated with Global Asias, an institutional network of Asia and diaspora scholars at Rutgers. Global Asias rethinks the status of “Asia” as a world region and the methodological and theoretical frameworks that tie together various faculty members’ and emerging scholars’ interventions. Having served in the Australian Foreign Service in Rangoon (as it then was), Manila and as Ambassador in Vientiane, Dr. Rich is familiar with the region. Among his publications are Pacific Asia in Quest of Democracy and Parties and Parliaments in Southeast Asia: Non-Partisan Chambers in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. Dr. Rich teaches a course at UNMA entitled Politics, Economics and Security in East Asia.
PHD PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

In 2023 Prof. Yalidy Matos took over the Directorship of the Graduate Program from Prof. Jan Kubik.

As always, the department is grateful for the exceptional service and dedication of our faculty. We extend a special thanks to our staff, Jovani, Paulette, Tara, and Daniel for all their hard work.

Dissertation Workshop

This year the Graduate Program established a dissertation workshop. The new workshop that has been successfully aiding our PhD candidates through many of the challenges that come along with the dissertation process.

Redbook Task Force

Graduate Program Director, Prof. Yalidy Matos, formed a Redbook Taskforce in which she recruited students to help revise the Graduate Student Handbook to ensure the program is providing the most up to date information, making it available for our current and future cohorts.
Our graduate students have achieved some incredible things over the past year. Here is only a small sample:

**David Ibanez-PARRA**

Published “A way out of detention or just another form of social control? Bonds in immigration court and the call to abolish them,” *American Behavioral Scientist* (ABJ)

Published (with Lorena Avila) “An Expensive Pass to Freedom: Bond Amounts Trajectories in Immigration Court,” *American Behavioral Scientist*

**Katie Krumbholz**

Friedelbaum Grant Recipient
AAPOR Student Conference Award
Kneller Fellowship
Bevier Fellowship
Eagleton Fellowship

Published (with Milton Heumann, Kyle Morgan, Lance Cassak, and Alice Militaru) “Strange, Unusual, and Creative Sentences: Analyzing “Outside the Box” Criminal Sentencing,” *Victims & Offenders*

**Amy Funck**


2023 Rutgers Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellowship

Conference presentations/acceptances:
Southern Political Science Association
Midwestern Political Science Association
International Society of Political Psychology
American Political Science Association

**Amy Benner**

Presented a paper at MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (With Katie Krumbholz) titled “Gendered Consequences of the Carceral State

Contributed (with Susan MacManus and Kathryn DePalo-Gould) “Women’s Growing Clout is Changing the South’s Political Landscape” to *The Changing Political South: How Minorities and Women are Transforming the Region*, Oxford University Press

**Gianna Dibartolo**

Friedelbaum Grant Recipient
JEFFREY COLTMAN-CORMIER

SAMANTHA KOPROWSKI

MICHEAL STRAWBRIDGE
Published (with Nadia Brown, Christopher Clark and Anna Mitchell Mahoney) “Sister Space: Collective Descriptive Representation and Black Women in Legislative Caucuses,” Politics and Gender.

EMIRHAN ÖZKAN
Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Los Angeles, titled "Polarized Voters’ Attitudes toward Foreign Electoral Interventions."
Received a merit-based travel grant from the APSA FPA section for my participation.
Application for Partisan Animosity Survey Time Sharing (PASTS) was accepted, with my study "The Leader of Mine: How Affective Polarization Influences Audience Cost", conducted by Polarization Research Lab a collaboration between UPenn, Stanford, and Dartmouth.

KATIE SHAPIRO
Presented a paper at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Los Angeles, titled "NATO, Afghanistan, and Ontological (In)Security."
An impressive group of young scholars successfully defended notable dissertations in 2023. Congratulations and well done!

GREGORY ZUCKER

Dissertation: “From the Ethical State to Progressive Income Taxation: The Influence of Ideas on Institutional Change in Germany, Britain, and the United States, 1807-1913”

- Committee: Robert Kaufman and Andrew Murph, co-chairs, Jan Kubik, R. Daniel Kelemen, Ira Katznelson and Axel Honneth.

HALEY NORRIS

Dissertation: “Building Queer Futures: A Queer Phenomenological Analysis of LGBTQ Representation in the United Kingdom”

- Committee: Mona Krook, chair, Kira Sanbonmatsu, Elena Gambino, R. Daniel Kelemen, and Andy Reynolds
Our outstanding faculty had many publications and presentations over the past year. Here is only a small sample:

**PROF. ANDREY TOMASHEVSKIY**
Published (with Kubinec, Robert and Haillie Lee) “Why Corporate Political Connections Can Impede Investment,” *Comparative Political Studies*

Published (with Lee and Sumin) “Punish or Tolerate? State Capacity, Military Oversight and Wartime Sexual Violence,” *International Interactions*

**PROF. MICHAEL KENWICK**
Published (with Simmons and McAlexander) “Infrastructure and authority at the state’s edge: The Border Crossings of the World dataset,” *Journal of Peace Research*

**PROF. VALIDY MATOS**
Published *Moral and Immoral Whiteness in Immigration Politics*, Oxford University Press.

**PROF. JACK LEVY**

Published “Systemic Effects of Economic Interdependence and the Militarization of Diplomacy: 1914 and Beyond,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*

**PROF. MILTON HEUMANN**
Published with (Morgan, Cassak, Krumholz and Militaru) “Strange, Unusual, and Creative Sentences: Analyzing “Outside the Box” Criminal Sentencing,” *Victims and Offenders*

**PROF. LISA MILLER**
Published "Checks and Balances, Veto Exceptionalism, and Constitutional Folk Wisdom: Class and Race Power in American Politics," *Political Research Quarterly*

Published (with Johnson and Richard) “The Conservative Policy Bias of Senate Malapportionment,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*

Published "Up from Federalism," *Boston Review. (A review of Jacob Grumbach’s Laboratories of Democratic Backsliding and Danielle Allen’s Democracy in the Time of Coronavirus)*

**PROF. MONA LENA KROOK**
Published “Civic Engagement as a Political Scientist: Tackling Violence against Women in Politics,” *Politics & Gender*

Published (with Sandra Pepera) “The #NotTheCost Campaign: An Academic-Practitioner Collaboration,” *Politics & Gender*
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**PROF. JAN KUBIK**
Submitted the final report to the European Commission in Brussels on two large, international projects (funded to the tune of almost 7 million Euros) on the rise of right-wing populism in Central Europe


Co-wrote “A large-scale ethnography of populism in the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland”

Delivered several keynotes and invited lectures, including a conference on “Researching Illiberalism: Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of a Researcher” in Amsterdam; the Summer School of the Invisible University for Ukraine in Budapest; the “Future of Polish Studies” Conference in Warsaw; and the “Studying Racism, Discrimination and Exclusion: Historical Contingencies, Troubled Contemporary Terrains, and Future Challenges” Conference in Uppsala, Sweden.

**PROF. NIKOL ALEXANDER-FLOYD**
Published “Psychoanalysis and Reproductive Justice: Reflections on Dobbs and the Possibilities of Psychoanalytic Political Praxis,” Contemporary Psychoanalysis

Contributed "In Search of Our Mothers' Couches: Toward a Genealogy of Black Feminist Psychoanalytic Theory" to Patriarchy and Its Discontents Psychoanalytic Perspectives

**PROF. SUMMER LINDSEY**
Published “Social Preferences: Measuring Private, Public, and Group Preferences through Focus Groups,” Perspectives on Politics


Presented at International Studies Association Annual Meeting and American Political Science Association

**PROF. ROLAND RICH**
Published The United Nations as Leviathan: Global Governance in the Post-American World. Rowman and Littlefield.

**PROF. ALEX ZAMALIN**
As a Rutgers Political Science faculty member since 1981, Milton Heumann continues to be a superstar within our department.

In 2023, The Professor Milton Heumann Excellence in Undergraduate Education Fund raised the requisite start up amount of over $100,000 and has officially been launched. The fund, in Professor Heumann’s honor, is a testament to his undeniable ability to make a difference in the lives of his students.

Professor Yalidy Matos, a first generation scholar and trailblazing researcher, truly exemplifies the ambitious potential of our department. In 2023, along with taking over the Directorship of the Graduate Program, Yalidy Matos was promoted to Associate Professor, nominated by Rutgers for the 2024 Carnegie Fellowship, and her first book, Moral and Immoral Whiteness in Immigration Politics, was published by Oxford University Press.

Professor Dilafruz Nazarova, an accomplished human rights lawyer from Tajikistan with an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex (UK) and a PhD from Rutgers, serves as an intricate piece of our department. This year, Professor Dilafruz Nazarova was selected as a 2023 Provost Teaching Fellow, a 2023 Rutgers Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellow and nominated to represent the Political Science Department at the New Brunswick Faculty Council.
In 2023 the department hosted the Justice and Injustice: Political Science Perspectives on Crime and Punishment Conference in New Brunswick, NJ. The conference provides a gathering place for scholars who study all aspects of the criminal legal system. Past years’ conferences have brought together junior and senior scholars working both in the US and comparatively.

After several years of running it as a mini-conference during APSA, it was split out into a stand-alone conference focused on the politics of criminal justice. The annual conference is hosted by teams at various universities. While the 2022 conference was hosted by Yale University’s Center for the Study of Inequality (CSI), this year’s conference was hosted by Rutgers University. Several of our department’s faculty and graduate students participated in the conference.

Professor Lisa Miller served as a conference co-host alongside other scholars like Professor Hannah Walker, who is now at the University of Texas- Austin, but previously served in the Rutgers political science department. Professor Milton Heumann participated as a panelist in the feature roundtable: Prospects for Reform in New Jersey and Beyond. Graduate student, Katie Krumbholz presented her work on “Carceral Identity and its Influence on Political Attitudes”, as well as being an overwhelming source of support in organizing the conference’s logistics and helping make the entire event possible here at Rutgers.
The Center for Critical Intelligence Studies (CCIS) has been housed in the Political Science Department for over a year and continues to serve as gateway for opportunities. CCIS offers internships, research opportunities and careers in the fields of intelligence and national security.

This year, 23 students within the CCIS program had either an internship, conditional offer of employment, or were hired into the federal Intelligence Community.

For the fall 2023 semester, 17 students had intelligence-related research fellowships with the National Intelligence University, U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence – NY Sector, and other partners. The program held numerous workshops like Tableau Data Analysis Workshop, SF-86 Workshop (on the security clearance process), and The Role of Critical Languages Skills in the Intelligence Community.

In the spring 2024 semester, students will have an opportunity to participate in the following extracurricular workshops which include: A Resume-Writing workshop, Interview Preparation, How To: write intelligence products on controversial issues, Structured Analytic Techniques workshop (methods to remove bias from written products) and many other workshops!

For the first time, Rutgers students can apply for a new pilot fellowship program with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Due to its history of successes, the Rutgers IC CAE program is in a select group of universities for the pilot. The INR Fellowship Program is a unique opportunity for highly motivated candidates from diverse backgrounds who possess the aspiration to become future Civil Service intelligence officers. This brand-new fellowship opportunity is for students who are graduating with their undergraduate or graduate degree and will provide selected candidates a two-year limited time full-time position with INR as Intelligence Officer Assistants.

Visit intel.rutgers.edu for more information about the Center for Critical Intelligence Studies and the available opportunities for students interested in intelligence and national security.
TARA ELISE JAMES

Tara holds a BA in History from Temple University and an MA in Women's History from Sarah Lawrence College, where her research focused on the development of feminist activism amongst African American women in the civil rights movement. In 2001, Tara assumed the role of Assistant, then Associate Director of the Women's History graduate program at Sarah Lawrence, a position she held for 20 years. In addition to her administrative duties, Tara has also taught courses in writing and research at Sarah Lawrence College and women’s history at Marymount College in New York. After a brief foray into the tech world at Cobblestone Software in New Jersey, Tara returned to higher education as the Program Coordinator for the United Nations and Global Policy Studies MA program. After working in the department for the past three months, she is more thrilled than ever to have been given the privilege of joining the team!
2023 FACULTY INTRODUCTIONS

We are grateful to have been able to welcome two new faculty members into our department.

PROFESSOR ROBERT SCHUB

Before coming to Rutgers, Dr. Robert Schub was an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Oxford, and received his PhD from the Department of Government at Harvard University. His research addresses international security with a focus on (1) the senior officials who make decisions regarding war and peace, (2) the uncertainty they confront when making these decisions, and (3) the soldiers who bear the costs of these decisions. His work has appeared in such journals as the American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, and the Journal of Conflict Resolution.

PROFESSOR PARU SHAH

Dr. Paru Shah joins the Department as a Professor of Political Science and Senior CAWP Scholar. Coming to us from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, her research interests include gender, race/ethnicity, paths to office, and descriptive and substantive representation, particularly in state and local offices. Her articles have appeared in such journals as the American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Women, Politics and Policy, and Politics, Groups and Identities. She was also previously the president of the Shorewood School District Board of Education.
Dr. Ross Baker

Ross Baker is far from the conventional academic, in all of the best ways...

After receiving his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, this Philadelphia native began his career in the Special Operations Research Office and not soon after he would move onto become a research associate at the Brookings Institution. Yet, it wasn't until 1968, that Dr. Baker would join the Rutgers College Political Science Department, one of only four political science departments in New Brunswick at the time, and begin changing the lives of students for years to come.

In 1975, he accepted a position in the office of Senator Walter Mondale, which led to Dr. Baker’s academic focus on the U.S. Senate. Over the course of his career, he has worked in the offices of Senators Birch Bayh, Frank Church, Chuck Hagel, with whom he traveled as a part of a congressional delegation to Russia in 2000, Patrick Leahy, and Harry Reid, as well as serving as a consultant to the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives. His publications include The Afro-American, American Government (with Gerald Pomper and W. Carey McWilliams), Friend and Foe in the U.S. Senate, The New Fat Cats, House and Senate, and Strangers on a Hill. He received a Fulbright lectureship at the Swedish Institute of International Relations in Stockholm and was a guest editor of its journals Internationella Studier and Varldspolitikens Dagsfrager. He has been a Visiting Professor at both, Haverford College in 1992, and at the University of Leipzig (Germany) in 2000.

In addition to being a member of the Board of Contributors of USA Today, he is a frequent commentator on various National Public Radio programs, and continuously referenced by numerous media outlets such as the New York Times and Washington Post.

It is with a heavy heart that the Department says farewell to Dr. Baker, but we are nothing short of grateful for everything he’s done for Rutgers and the field of political science. We are forever indebted to you Ross, thank you for allowing us to share in your incredible lifetime thus far.
While it is impossible to capture all of Ross Baker’s achievements, here are some noteworthy examples of his incredible contributions to the field of American Politics and to our understanding of what it truly means to be a scholar.

C-SPAN panelists, Ross Baker, discussing Senate Party Leaders in the 20th Century in 1990

Ross Baker
Professor in the Political Science department at Rutgers - State University of New Jersey

100%
Would take again

Dr. Baker’s ratemyprofessor.com score, based on over 100 reviews written by undergraduate students after taking his courses in American Government

Faculty director of the week for Inside Washington, Ross Baker, at The Carnegie Institution of Washington speaking on the campaigns for the 2008 presidential nominations

Congressional Corner With Ross Baker

By Alan Chartock
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One of Ross Bakers numerous contributions to public service and intellectual activity beyond the boundaries of academia.
William Field’s daughter, Victoria, got married!

Doug Cantor and his family welcomed Jack Meyer Cantor into the world on August 28th, 2023

Micheal Strawbridge accepted a tenure track position at Washington University in St. Louis in the Political Science Department!

Christopher Saint Jean was awarded a research internship with the Los Angeles-based public opinion and consultation firm EVITARUS

Grace Howard, who earned her Ph.D. in Political Science at Rutgers, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and also published a book

Richard Lau’s daughter, Allie, got married!

Katie Krumbholz rescued the cutest pup, Phin.

Mona Lena Krook was the Kerstin Hesselgren Visiting Professor at Uppsala University from January to December 2023.

Jan Kubik’s daughter, Hannah, got married!

Current and former Women and Politics students helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) in Washington, DC in May 2023.
SUPPORT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Department of Political Science welcomes your donations to make our nationally-ranked department even stronger.

Supporting the SAS Political Science Fund ensures we can continue our excellence in research, teaching and service, creating new opportunities for Rutgers students with every new year.

Your donations will help us fund educational opportunities for our students, including undergraduate and graduate research projects, our alumni mentoring network, internships and professional development opportunities.

Rutgers’ Department of Political Science is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. With more than 600 undergraduate majors and more than 100 graduate students, we are one of the largest departments at Rutgers. Our internationally renowned faculty bring their political expertise and career backgrounds into the classroom, giving our students an invaluable learning experience each and everyday. Graduates from our department go on to distinguished careers in the fields of law, business, public service, academia and social activism, representing the excellence of Rutgers around the world.

Your support will help us maintain the excellence of our program and expand funded research and professional opportunities for our ambitious students.

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Thank you!