

## **Recent Department Accomplishments**

October 2004 – April 2005

### **Student news**

Six WMU students participated in the 2005 Bill of Rights Program sponsored by the Southwestern Michigan Branch of the ACLU. Western Michigan University is a co-sponsor of the program that includes debates between three person teams from Kalamazoo College and WMU. Yvonne Siford, and Sarah Turner presented arguments in favor of the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision to support gay marriage. James Holmes, Luke McGee and Nicole Reid will present arguments challenging the University of Michigan's affirmative action programs. (March 2005)

A recent graduate of the Political Science Department, Brian Crisher, won the best undergraduate paper award at the Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science. The paper, "Altering Jus ad Bellum: Just War Theory in the 21st Century and the 2002 National Security Strategy of the United States." was his honors thesis, supervised by Gunther Hega. (April 2005)

### **Dissertation defenses**

Uisoon Kwon. "Who Voted?: Social Class and Participation in United States Presidential Elections" (March, 2005)

### **Books**

Mahendra Lawoti 2005. *Towards A Democratic Nepal: Inclusive Political Institutions for a Multicultural Society*" New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London: SAGE Publication

Pete Renstrom. 2005. *Constitutional Rights Deskbook: Individual Rights, Cumulative Supplement* (with Ralph Chandler and Richard Enslin) St Paul, MN: West Group.

### **Articles, book chapters, and supplements**

Jim Butterfield. 2005. "South African Democracy and Local Participation," in Ismail Davids (ed), *Voices From Below: Reflecting on Ten Years of Public Participation*. Cape Town: Foundation for Contemporary Research.

John Clark and Brian F. Schaffner. 2005. *The 2004 Election: A Supplement for American Government*. Fort Worth, TX: Wadsworth.

Paul Clements, 2005, "Monitoring and Evaluation for Cost-Effectiveness in Development Management," *Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation*

Kevin Corder. 2005. "Managing Uncertainty: The Bias and Efficiency of Federal Macroeconomic Forecasts" *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. (January, 2005)

## **Grants**

Gunther Hege received a mini-grant from the Michigan Campus Compact as part of "The People Speak: America's Role in the World"

## **Reviews**

Paul Clements. Review of Jody Zall Kusek and Ray C. Rist, *A Handbook for Development Practitioners: Ten Steps to a Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System* (The World Bank), *American Journal of Evaluation*, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp. 278-280.

Emily Hauptmann. Review of Bruce Ackerman and James Fishkin, *Deliberation Day*; Ethan Leib, *Deliberative Democracy in America: A Proposal for a Popular Branch of Government*; Henry Richardson, *Democratic Autonomy: Public Reasoning about the Ends of Policy*. *Perspectives on Politics* (2004).

## **Conference Activity**

Paul Clements. "Aims and Methodologies of a Rawlsian Political Analysis," presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October, 2004.

John Clark participated in a roundtable on "Teaching Subnational Government" at the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists in Mount Pleasant, MI. October, 2004.

John Clark. "Political Party Organizations and the Competitive Environment: Grassroots Activists in the South, 1991-2001," presented at the 2005 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA . (with Charles Prysby)

John Clark was the section head for Public Opinion at the 2005 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

John Clark chaired "Opinion, Knowledge, and the Electoral Process: What Do They Teach Us about Teaching?" at the 2005 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

John Clark was chair for a "Presidential Approval" panel at the 2005 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Kevin Corder and Uisoon Kwon. "Class and Turnout: New Data and New Evidence from U.S. Presidential Elections in the 1920s and 1930s." presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2005 (Chicago, IL). (With Christina Wolbrecht).

Gunther Hege "Between Reformstau and Modernisierung: The Reform of German Federalism since Unification," presented at the International Conference on Federalism. Brussels, Belgium. March, 2005.

Priscilla Lambert. "Women and Children First? The Comparative Political Economy of Family Choice," presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2005 (Chicago, IL)

Priscilla Lambert. "Family Policies and the Fertility Crisis in Conservative Countries: A Comparison of Italy, Spain, and Japan." presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2005 (Chicago, IL ). (With Merike Blofield.

Priscilla Lambert. "Family Policy and Business Consent in Japan: A Case Study of the Parental Leave Law." presented at the annual meetings of the Western Political Science Association. March, 2005 (Oakland, CA ).

Ashlyn Kuersten and Pete Renstrom presented a review of the 2003-4 term of the Rehnquist Court at the annual Michigan Conference of Political Scientists.

Mahendra Lawoti. "The Ethnic Dimension of the Maoist Insurgencies: Comparative Study of Peru, Nepal and India.," presented at the annual meetings of the International Studies Association. Honolulu, Hawaii. March 1-5, 2005.

Sybil Rhodes. "Expatriate politics: How democracies compete for loyalties in a globalized world," presented at the International Studies Association. March, 2005. Honolulu, Hawaii

Mihaiela Ristei and John A. Clark. "Ethnicity and Representation in the California State Legislature," presented at the 2005 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Jacinda Swanson chaired "Individualism and Egoism Revisited," at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2005.

## **Presentations to the community**

Jim Butterfield. "South African Politics" United Nations Association of Kalamazoo.

Paul Clements. "What's Happening to High Risk Teens in Kalamazoo County? A Longitudinal Profile of Programs and Costs for a Sample of Juvenile Offenders." Kalamazoo County Coalition on Criminal Justice, the Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, September, 2004.

John Clark "Campaign 2004: An Election Primer for People of Faith," First United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, September 12-October 17, 2004

John Clark "Uncivil Society? Political Campaigning in 2004 and Beyond" Eye on Civility and Ethics Series at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, October 27, 2004.

Sybil Rhodes "Giants of the American hemisphere: Brazil and the United States" United Nations Association of Kalamazoo (October, 2004)

## **Other items of note.**

Success measures developed the Success Measures Project of the Development Leadership Network were adopted by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and by NeighborWorks, federally funded agencies supporting community development corporations around the United States. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan noted the adoption of the measures in a March 18, 2005 address at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition Conference. Paul Clements was the research director for the Success Measure Project and the primary author of the Success Measures Guide Book that first defined and described these success measures.