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Dr. Li was honored at an end-of-year celebration by department faculty for his years of service.

Dr. Chien-Pin Li is stepping down as department chair after ten years of faithful and successful service. Dr. Li oversaw the department's phenomenal growth over the last decade as it expanded into additional graduate and undergraduate programs, as well as online courses. He will continue as a senior member of the faculty, and looks forward to doing more research and teaching.

2011 Student Honorees

Outstanding Political Science Student
Justin Hayes
Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Andrew Pieper**

Outstanding International Affairs Student
Katie Sizemore
Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Maia Hallward**

Outstanding MPA Graduate Student
Kimberly Holland
Faculty Honoree: **Dr. Andrew Ewoh**

Outstanding MSCM Graduate Student
Nancy Brockway

ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Pi Sigma Alpha

The national honor society for Political Science. Inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha have shown excellence in the study of Political Science and a commitment to leadership. The faculty advisor is **Dr. Andrew Pieper**.

Newly inducted members for the 2010-2011 academic year are:

Alfredo Blum	Glen Drummond	Chris Jackson
Galen Joyce	Deborah Lynn	Chad Maddox
William Martin	Alexsandra Ninova	Ryan Pelfrey
Brittanie Rostamy	Alexandra Rugh	Patrice Saunders
Meredith Steinmetz	Lindsay Stinchcomb	Ashley Swan
Diana Terzyan		

Model UN

The KSU Model UN Team continued its streak of excellence in 2011. For details on the team's achievements, go to page 5. The team advisor is **Ms. Linda Morrisson**.

The KSU Team:

Abimbola Adegboye	Adeola Adegboye	Foiake Adegboye
Jean Marc Akakpo	Zee-Zee Amajor	Kimberly Atlee
Kristie Azaroff	Chelsie Cash	Doug Comin
Gian Dalpethado	Guillermo Dominguez	Geraldine Galue
Jessie Gordon	Heather Herndon-Sigley	Ryan Herz
Chris Jackson	Flora Lowe-Rockett	Assana Magagi-Alic
Jose Martin	Tamorie Mayweather	Pallavi Mohoni
Aleksandra Ninova	Punit Patel	Alexandra Pauley
Lyndsey Perez	Donnatella Rapizza	John Silva
Shayla Smith	Renee Tomczak	Silvia Trejo
Stefanie Vaught	Victoria Vaught	Denise Waite

Model Arab League

The Model Arab League had another impressive showing at national competitions in 2011, winning a team award and several individual awards. The MAL team advisor is **Ms. Linda Morrison**. The team includes:

Saiful Alam	Hamood Alali	Hina Asghar
Steffani Bentley	Kristen Carusos	Faith Dag
Gnima Diop	Ryan Erwin	Ali Hussain
Gayla Jackson	Matt Kriner	Damaso Nfumi-Saka
Havana Nguyen	Chiara Norce	Katie Sizemore

Mock Trial

Advisors are **Dr. Elizabeth Gordon** and **Dr. William Gillespie**. For a report on team competitions and achievements, go to page 7. Team members include:

Suzanne Bettis	Samantha Bowen	Brittany Briggs
Miranda Brown	Benjamin Conkling	Glen Doty
Kelli Edson	Brandon Haney	Collin Hatcher
Galen Joyce	Leila Karobi	Deborah Lynn
Mason McAfee	Zohaib Shah	Craig Smith
Caleb Stone	Adam Strotman	Jacqueline Voisinet

Model African Union

The KSU Model African Union continued to earn its reputation for excellence. Advisor is **Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi**. 2011 team members include:

Ali Abedi	Katherine Binns	Owen Chilongo
Kareen Fobuzie	Elton Fung	Chux Ibekwe
Fungai Karpenzi	Abass Kareem	Esther Kimani
Assana Magagi-Alio	Kamo Madumarov	Samantha Sanedoum
Sumi Moon	Josef Nerusil	Maureen Nguli
Adaeze Nwankwo	Caroline Ofulah	Punit Patel
Silvia Trejo	Ana Karen Valles	



Student Update

Graduating from Mercer Law School – Spring 11 - **Sarah Vorobjovs** (POLS 08) **Matthew Rollins** (POLS 07). Sarah gave birth to her first child, a son, in January 2011.

Graduating from Mississippi College of Law – Spring 11- **Katherine Knudsen** (POLS 07), **Chris Chappell** (POLS 05)

Attending Mercer Law – **Ashley Hughes** (POLS 10), **Tony Norton** (POLS 09)

Attending Ohio Northern Law School – **Marc Davis** (POLS 09)

Ashley Carlile (POLS 06) has joined the law firm Thompson, Meier and King in Canton GA. Michael Ray (POLS 07) is a law clerk for the Appalachian Judicial Circuit Superior Court. The two plan to marry in fall 2011.

Michael Cerna (IA 09) was awarded a research assistantship within the program for the 2010-2011 academic year doing research on Kurdish political aspirations.

Lance Leverette (IA 02) is now a member of the University of Edinburgh Alumni Association. He received an MBA from the University of Edinburgh and is a strategic market analyst for Zeus, Inc. in Columbia, SC.

Chelsea Van Bergen of the MSIPM program was awarded the Joseph A. Lamberti Award for graduate research in Nepal.

The MPA Program chartered Pi Alpha Alpha—the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. Current and former students can be inducted if they meet membership requirements. **Dr. Andrew Ewoh** is the faculty advisor.

Other MPA news:

The MPA Program has a new student/alumni association, known as the Public Administration Student Association (PASA). Every current student belongs to PASA, and former students are welcome to join too. **Dr. William Baker** is the faculty advisor.

Ms. Kimala Davis, an MPA student, was among the students awarded the 2011 Founders' Forum fellowships by the American Society for Public Administration. The fellowships allowed the students to attend the 2011 ASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland with general conference registration waived, and free one year student membership.

Ms. Crystal Romeo (MPA 2010) was accepted into the Lewis Strokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, which provided funding for her Ph.D. studies at the University of Maryland at College Park for the Spring semester of 2011.



Dr. William Baker with the award-winning KSU Model UN Team

In March the **MUN team** boarded a plane for Beijing, China for the Asian International Model United Nations conference, held annually at Peking University. Following three days of tourist activities that included the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, the Temple of Heaven, the Old Summer Palace, the Zoo Market, the Beijing Zoo and more, the team slipped into conference mode from the 24th - the 27th. The MUN is no stranger to working hard at conference and this was no difference. Representing countries such as Canada, India, Turkey, and Mexico, the conference gave the MUN team the chance and the opportunity to experience conference in a different country. Our team, as the teams in the past, was exceptionally successful, with 16 of the 20 delegates bringing home delegation awards as well as one of the six school awards given to the top schools at the conference. Following our conference we still had three remaining days in Beijing that were once again filled with tourist activities and gave the students another chance to soak in the cultural experience before them. We toured the Great Wall of China, traveled down the Long Corridor of the Summer Palace, experienced the haggling at the Silk Market and wound our way through the narrow streets of the Chinese Hutongs. In all, the KSU MUN team was able to experience 10 days in China, an opportunity made possible through the support of the Political Science and International Affairs Department, the Global Learning fee and the Confucius Institute. - Victoria Vaught

ROTC Offers New Minor in Military Leadership

The Military Leadership Minor was established for interested KSU students seeking an honorable profession as a United States Army Officer, while completing their academic studies. All students attending KSU in pursuit of any academic major, currently possessing a 2.5 CGPA, and are willing to sign a contractual obligation to the U.S. Army are eligible to complete this program. The Military Leadership Minor challenges Army Cadets to study and practice adaptive leadership skills presented with challenging scenarios in garrison and tactical military environments. The focus of the minor is to prepare future leaders to make sound decisions for the enrichment of our Armed Forces. Each course level develops individual proficiency in preparing, planning, executing, and assessing complex operations. Furthermore, students will examine differences in military law, principles of war, and Rules Of Engagement (ROE) in the face of international terrorism.

This minor will increase the individuals leadership attributes for their first assignment as Second Lieutenants through case studies, scenarios, and exercises. These preparatory training events enhance practical demands of leading as commissioned officers and assist in completion of their professional goals. Overall, serving our country is a noble gesture, but leading in our country's defense force is the ultimate challenge!

- Captain Philip Collier, KSU ROTC

Faculty News & Notes

Elizabeth Gordon and **Tara Stricko** are researching the politics of state licensure of non-nurse midwives, and how the issue has played out in both courts and legislatures. The two presented their initial findings at two conferences this spring, the Southeastern Women's Studies Association annual meeting in Atlanta and the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago. Gordon and Stricko are currently expanding these conference papers into a journal article.

Elizabeth Gordon and **William Gillespie's** article, titled "The Culture of Obedience and the Politics of Stealth: Mormon Mobilization Against the ERA and Same-Sex Marriage," has been accepted for publication in a 2012 issue of *Politics and Religion*.

Nurudeen Akinyemi, Interim Director Africans and African Diaspora Studies Center, was selected by KSU students to receive the Outstanding Advisor Award for his work with Model Arab League and Model African Union students. This is an annual award for faculty who advise co-curricular student groups. Dr. Akinyemi accepted this honor at the KSU Awards Ceremony on April 20, 2011.

Andrew Ewoh was named a Fulbright Specialist Candidate, Council for International Exchange of Scholars. He was also a Visiting Professor, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania. Summer 2010. He also published: "The Role of Environmental NGOs in Chinese Public Policy," (with **Melissa Rollins**-MPA Graduate at KSU). *Journal of Global Initiatives: Policy, Pedagogy, Perspectives* 6(1), 2011: 45-60.

Barbara Neuby presented a paper on Government's Access to Personal Information and Homeland Security Programs at the GA Perimeter College's Dunwoody Campus, Symposium on Privacy; and also presented a paper titled, "Can Local Currencies Save Municipal Budgets?" at the conference of the Intl. Assoc of Business and Public Administration in Dallas on April 8, 2011.

Kerwin Swint won the College of Humanities and Social Science "Distinguished Professor of the Year" Award for 2010-2011. His new book *The King Whisperers: Power Behind the Throne from Rasputin to Rove* came out in winter 2011.

Tim Hedeem is the research director for a \$700,000 grant from the National Institute for Justice, awarded in 2011. The grant will fund research on the collateral consequences of criminal convictions.

Maia Hallward has a book coming out in summer 2011: *Struggling for a Just Peace: Israeli and Palestinian Activism in the Second Intifada* (University Press of Florida). She and **Volker Franke** were program section chairs for the Peace Studies Section, the largest section of the International Studies Association meeting for 2011.

Maia also gave a presentation on "Social Movements and the Current Arab Uprisings" to the Teaching the Middle East Conference sponsored by Georgia State's Middle East Institute in March 2011. I also participated in two panels on the revolutions in Egypt and elsewhere held at KSU.

Tavishi Bhasin has an article in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, one of the top five journals in international relations: Amanda Murdie and Tavishi Bhasin. 2010. "Aiding and Abetting? Human Rights INGOs and Domestic Anti- Government Protest". *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Volume 55, No. 2. Tavishi also has book review: "Reputation and Civil War: Why Separatists Are So Violent" by Barbara Walter. Forthcoming in *Journal of Politics*.

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Mock Trial News

Academic year 2010-2011 was another active season for the KSU Mock Trial team. In addition to competing on the road, Kennesaw also hosted two tournaments during the season. In October, the Litigating Owls hosted the 2nd Annual Owl Classic, a small invitational tournament aimed at rookie teams, which included four Kennesaw teams of students taking POLS 4466 Trial Procedure and Evidence. Without question, the highlight of the year was the return of an AMTA regional qualifying tournament to Kennesaw; we have not hosted such an event since 2000. The 2011 Dr. Helen S. Ridley Regional Tournament, named in honor of the KSU mock trial founder, included 24 teams from the Southeast competing for the chance to advance to the opening round of the national championship (at Furman University). Kennesaw State's veteran team was among those qualifying for the Furman tournament. The Ridley Regional was held on Feb. 25 and 26, with local attorneys serving as judges for four rounds of competition. Tournament sponsors – the Kennesaw State University Alumni Association, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and Rogers Strimban, LLC - provided meals for judges and competitors during the event. In addition to the Kennesaw and Furman tournaments, Kennesaw State teams competed in invitational tournaments hosted by the University of Florida, Middle Tennessee State University, and Georgia Tech. Students winning individual awards at tournaments this season included **Glen Doty** (outstanding witness at GA Tech and Ridley Regional), **Zohaib Shah** (outstanding witness at Ridley Regional), **Collin Hatcher** (outstanding attorney at University of Florida) and **Brittany Trambauer Briggs** (outstanding attorney at the Ridley Regional). **Elizabeth Gordon** and **William Gillespie** serve as faculty coaches.



New Face

Kenneth Michael White came to KSU for a joint appointment in the Departments of Political Science and International Affairs and Sociology and Criminal Justice after completing a Ph.D. in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University, where he studied American government and political philosophy. He previously taught political science and criminal justice at Cal Poly Pomona and Chaffey College, respectively. He recently published an article on presidential war powers in the *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, and he is working on adapting his dissertation on popular culture, humor, and politics for publication. He is also working on an article on teaching The Declaration of Independence, which is currently under review, as well as an empirical analysis of racial disparity in the war on drugs.



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Faculty News (continued)

Susan Raines was promoted to full Professor and appointed as Interim Director of the Master's Program in Conflict Management. Dr. Raines led 17 graduate students on a study abroad trip to Israel and the West Bank, where they met with peace workers and activists on all sides of the conflict.

Publications:

Raines, S. and D. Kubala. "Environmental Conflict Resolution by Water Utilities: Applications and Lessons Learned" Journal of the American Water Works Association (peer reviewed). June 2011.

Hedeen, Timothy, Susan S. Raines and Ansley B. Barton. "Best Practices for Mediation Training and Regulation: Unanswered Questions from the Literature" Conflict Resolution Quarterly Volume 28 number 2, January 2011.

Tara Stricko is the new internship coordinator for POLS and IA. Students interested in pursuing an internship should contact her at tstricko@kennesaw.edu for additional information. Internships are a great way to gain practical experience, professional contacts, letters of recommendation, and possibly a permanent job. Dr. Stricko's long awaited entry in the Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment has finally arrived. Additionally she and **Elizabeth Gordon** presented a paper examining midwifery success in state courts at both the Southeastern Women's Studies Association and the Midwestern Political Science Association conferences.

Jeff DeWitt published an article titled "Considering Congressional Candidates: Substantive Salience and Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections" in the Journal of Political Science and also a book review of Neoconservatism: The Biography of a Movement in the American Review of Politics.

Faculty Advisors

High School Model UN	Ms. Linda Morrisson
Model Arab League	Ms. Linda Morrisson
Mock Trial	Dr. Elizabeth Gordon/Dr. William Gillespie
Pi Sigma Alpha	Dr. Andrew Pieper
Society for Legal Studies	Dr. Elizabeth Gordon
Political Science Club	Dr. Andrew Pieper
College Democrats	Dr. Harold Wingfield
College Republicans	Dr. David Shock
Model African Union	Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi
Model United Nations	Ms Linda Morrisson
Circle K	Dr. Ulf Zimmermann
Common Cause KSU	Dr. Kerwin Swint