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# Government & Politics

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Dear

Our first political science alumni newsletter mailed in August 2005 was a great success. Approximately three hundred newsletters were mailed to political science alumni located throughout the U.S., and over one hundred alumni responded to our survey. Needless to say, the political science faculty are proud of, and impressed with, the accomplishments of our former students. Political science alumni have followed very interesting personal and professional paths. However, before we present the results of our survey, let's first explore some new developments within the Department of Government and Politics at Sacred Heart University.

## A Fourth Full-Time Political Scientist!

With over 110 full-time political science majors, along with the establishment of a separate academic department, the political science program in 2006 hired a fourth full-time political science professor. Following a national and competitive search, the Department of Government and Politics hired Lesley A. DeNardis, Ph.D. to fill the new position. Dr. DeNardis received her B.A. in Government and Hispanic Studies from Connecticut College, her M.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University, and her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Connecticut. Dr. DeNardis taught for two years at New Mexico State University and is currently teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of New Haven. Her teaching responsibilities at Sacred Heart will include the American Government survey course, along with electives in political economy, public policy, and Latin American Politics. Dr. DeNardis is connected to local government in

Connecticut and conducts workshops for newly elected mayors and first selectpersons for the Connecticut Conference on Municipalities. She will be particularly instrumental in expanding internship opportunities for students at the local level of government. Dr. DeNardis is a native of Connecticut and comes from a politically active family. Her father, Lawrence DeNardis, served for several years in the Connecticut state senate and was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1984. We look forward to Dr. DeNardis' arrival in the Fall of 2006.

## Faculty Research

Dr. Kikoski remains a very active scholar in the field of personnel management and organizational behavior. His forthcoming co-authored article, "Cross-Cultural Communication in the Diverse Workplace: A New Frontier for Managers," will be published in *Gender, Race and Ethnicity in the Workplace: Issues and Challenges for Today's Organizations*, Margaret Foegen Karsten (ed.) Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2006. His third book in this subject area is currently in progress.

Dr. Michels published a scholarly article entitled "Nietzsche's Aphoristic Turn," in *Enter Text*, a peer reviewed electronic journal, (Winter, 2005). He also published a book review in *Political Studies Review* (April 2006), and presented a professional paper at the Northeast Political Science Association's Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA (November, 2006). His long-term research plan involves a major project on the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes.

Dr. Rose completed and published his sixth book, *Public Policy in Connecticut: Challenges and Perspectives* (Fairfield:

Sacred Heart University Press, 2005). Dr. Rose's edited volume features scholarly articles from thirteen members of the Sacred Heart faculty and is designed as a companion work for his previous textbook on Connecticut government. Dr. Rose also published an article regarding the scope of presidential power in *Insights on Law and Society*, published by the American Bar Association (Fall 2005), and a lengthy op-ed in *The Connecticut Post* (February 2006) concerning the state legislature's major policy challenges.

## Law School and Graduate School Placement for AY 2005-2006

At the time of this writing, we have five graduating seniors in political science who will continue their education in the fall. Students who will be attending law school include William Geddish (Hofstra University School of Law), Gina Bellavia (Pace University School of Law), Mike Moloney (Roger Williams University School of Law), and David Stewart (Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University). Shannon Hines will be attending graduate school in political science at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

## Academic Medal Winners

For AY 2005-2006, the Gold Medal of Excellence in Political Science was awarded to William Geddish, while the Silver Medal of Excellence was awarded to Justin Gage. Justin was a double major and also received the Gold Medal of Excellence in Computer Science. William, as noted, will be attending law school at Hofstra, while Justin will be working for General Electric Corp. as an information technology specialist.

# Political Science

## ALUMNI

### 1982

**Stephen A. Mambu, II**  
Economist  
2007 Presidential Candidate in  
Sierra Leone, West Africa  
M.Sc. International Political  
Economy and Development,  
Fordham University  
Post Graduate Studies,  
Columbia University  
Married, 5 children

### 1984

**Victor R. Biancardi, Jr.**  
Stamford, CT  
Attorney, Biancardi and  
Associates, LLC  
J.D. Thomas M. Cooley School  
of Law

**Michael Bullers**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Office of Attorney General  
State of Connecticut  
J.D. University of Bridgeport

**John C. Byrne**  
Carlisle, PA  
Chief Executive and Operations  
Officer for Cumberland County  
M.S. in Urban Affairs and  
Policy Analysis, Southern  
Illinois University  
Married, two children

**John Gulash, III.**  
J.D. Vermont School of Law

**Robert C. Pinciario**  
Attorney, Toro and Pinciario,  
P.C. New Haven, CT  
J.D. University of Bridgeport  
School of Law

### 1985

**Raymond W. Ganim**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Attorney, Ganim, Ganim and  
Ganim  
J.D. University of Bridgeport  
School of Law

**Gioia (Marinacchio) Gibbons**  
Louisville, KY  
Community Development  
Coordinator, Girl Scouts of  
Kentuckiana  
Married, 3 children

**Kenneth LeVine**  
Hockessin, Delaware  
Life Insurance Salesman  
Married, two children

### 1986

**Sharon Jones**  
Westport, CT  
Attorney - Solo Practice  
J.D. University of Connecticut

**Jonathan Steven Koehm**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Attorney - Solo Practice  
J.D. University of Bridgeport  
School of Law

**Eric LeStrange**  
Shelton, CT  
Manager, Hawley Lane Shoes  
Married, two children

**Pamela London**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Owner of Private Business  
Assistant Softball Coach,  
Sacred Heart University

**Matthew C. Reale**  
Trumbull, CT  
Attorney, Anthony and Reale  
J.D. Villanova University  
Past President, SHU Alumni  
Council

**Susan O'Donnell**  
Hartford, CT  
Attorney, Halloran and Sage  
L.L.P., Hartford, CT  
J.D. Suffolk University School  
of Law  
Married, two children

### 1987

**David Boone**  
Tolvea, CA  
Script writer for comedians  
and comedy shows

**Kerry M. Gleason**  
Attorney for City of New  
Haven  
J.D. University of Connecticut  
School of Law

**Brian Hamilton**  
Raleigh, NC  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Sageworks, Inc.  
M.B.A. Duke University

**Patrick J. McGuigan**  
Trumbull, CT  
Assistant Professor of Strategic  
Management  
Lubin School of Business, Pace  
University in Manhattan  
M.A., Fairfield University  
ABD (All But Dissertation)  
Pace University  
Married SHU alum Deborah  
(Cesoro) '00, two children

### 1988

**A. J. Ciesielski**  
Bethel, CT  
President, 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc.  
Married, two children

**Anthony J. Capozziello**  
Milford, CT  
Attorney, Law Office of  
Capozziello and Capozziello  
J.D. Western New England  
School of Law  
Married, three children

**Edward J. Capozziello**  
Milford, CT  
Attorney, Law Office of  
Capozziello and Capozziello  
J.D. Western New England  
School of Law  
Married, two children

**Crista M. DiTomaso**  
Stamford, CT  
Senior Manager for Business  
Planning, Cadbury Schweppes  
America's Beverages  
M.B.A. Sacred Heart University

**Richard H. Hyde**  
Monroe, CT  
Owner of Extel  
Communications, Inc. and  
Advanced Mortgage Services,  
L.L.C.  
Married SHU alum Jackie  
(Kopcick) '88 (met wife in Dr.  
Rose's class), two children

**David Kulo, Jr.**  
Brewster, NY  
Senior Consultant, Guaranteed  
Products Group  
New York Life Investment  
Management, L.L.C.  
Member of Planning Board,  
Village of Brewster  
Married, one son

**Arthur W. Lobdell**  
Scotch Plains, NJ  
Executive Director, Boy Scouts  
of America

**Francesca M. Sollima**  
Bloomfield, CT  
Attorney, Primax Recoveries, Inc.  
J.D. University of Bridgeport

### 1989

**JohnPatrick Casey O'Brien**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Attorney, Zeisler and Zeisler, P.C.  
M.P.A. Southwest Missouri  
State University  
J.D. Touro University School of  
Law

**Mike Tonucci**  
Shelton, CT  
Manufacturing Manager  
Drew Scientific, Inc.

**Rob Pickering**  
Norwalk, CT  
Firefighter, City of Stamford  
Fire and Rescue

**Holly L. Price**  
Washington, D.C.  
Congressional Staff,  
Congressman Jim Saxton (R, NJ)

**Dennis Reo**  
Farmingdale, NY  
Court Attorney for the Hon.  
George J. Silver, Civil Court of  
the City of New York  
J.D. St. John's University School  
of Law  
Married to Rosemary (Roselli)  
'98, '00

**Brian Young**  
Randolph Air Force Base, TX  
Attorney, JAG Office, U.S. Air  
Force  
J.D. University of North  
Carolina

## 1999

**Cindy (Lisa) Egloff**  
Trumbull, CT  
Formerly employed as a Mentor  
at Sacred Heart University  
J.D. Hofstra University  
Plans to pursue M.A. in  
Education  
Married to Dave Egloff '98,  
two children

**Tom McCabe**  
Bridgeport, CT  
Constituent Services  
Coordinator, Congressman  
Christopher Shays (R, CT)  
J.D. Quinnipiac University  
School of Law  
Married to SHU alum,  
Christina (Katsoulas) '99, '01  
Member of SHU Alumni  
Executive Council

**Karen (Bagley) Pelton**  
Hanson, MA  
Claims Representative for  
Social Security Administration  
Taught Spanish in high school  
for 3 years  
M.P.A. U-Mass Boston  
Married

**Tom Petrillo**  
Washington, D.C.  
Former fundraiser and staff  
worker for the Democratic  
National Committee  
Currently working as an organ-  
izer for Kweisi Mfume (D)  
Campaign for U.S. Senate in  
Maryland

**Jason Stark**  
Stratford, CT  
Policy Analyst for House  
Republican Office, Connecticut  
General Assembly  
Served as Senior Consultant for  
2005 mayoral race in Stratford  
M.A. Political Science with con-  
centration in Public Policy and  
Administration, Southern  
Connecticut State University

## 2000

**Aaron Chrostowsky**  
Bennington, VT  
Town Administrator,  
Shaftsbury, VT  
M.P.A. University of  
Connecticut

**Melissa (Hensley) Coleman**  
Longmeadow, Massachusetts  
M.A. in International Politics,  
East Carolina University  
Married, two children

**Kelly Libby**  
West Hartford, CT  
Democratic Party Campaign  
Strategist and Consultant  
Currently working for Dan  
Malloy for Governor Campaign  
in Connecticut

**Theresa Forget**  
Trumbull, CT  
Healthcare Recruiter  
M.A. Student Personnel  
Administration, New York  
University

**Sarah Morrill**  
Hamden, CT  
Community Development  
Coordinator  
Town of East Haven, Urban  
Renewal Agency  
M.A. in Political Science with  
concentration in Public Policy  
and Administration, Southern  
Connecticut State University  
Secretary for Hamden  
Republican Town Committee,  
and local commissioner  
Married

**Victoria Roland**  
Danbury, CT  
Paralegal with law firm  
M.S. in Community  
Counseling, Western  
Connecticut State University

**Nicole (DeAngelo) Wachter**  
Ridge, Long Island, NY  
Legislative Aide for Suffolk  
County Legislator Joseph  
Caracappa  
Master's in Human Resource  
Management, SUNY at Stony  
Brook  
Married

## 2001

**Jeff Bertholf**  
Milford, CT  
International Sales, Areospace  
& Defense Group  
Reed Exhibitions  
Married SHU alum, Brooke  
(Hourigan) '00

**Diana Bishop**  
Stamford, CT  
Executive Assistant for JHM  
Financial Group  
Campaign Assistant for Dan  
Malloy for Governor  
M.A. in Public Policy, Trinity  
College

**April Borgia-Lang**  
Trumbull, CT  
Special Education Teacher  
Master's in Education, The  
College of New Rochelle  
Married

**Eric Drake**  
Brooklyn, NY  
J.D. Michigan State University  
School of Law

**Michael Ferrari**  
Milford, CT  
Middle School Geography  
Teacher in Norwalk, CT  
M.A.T. Sacred Heart University

**Erin (Harrison) French**  
Fairfield, CT  
Married, 1 child

**Peter Markey**  
Melbourne, Australia  
Organizational Consultant

**Geoff Sauer**  
Stratford, CT  
International Sales Manager  
Business Development China  
Reed Exhibitions  
Married SHU alum, Carrie  
(Demirgian) '99

## 2002

**Keri Blair**  
Boston, MA  
Architect, Symmes, Maini and  
McKee (Cambridge, MA)  
Graduate Student, Boston  
Architectural Center  
Recently traveled to Havana,  
Cuba to research Havana's  
physical evolution

**Jeff Bricker**  
Hamden, CT  
Recent graduate,  
J.D. Quinnipiac University  
School of Law

**Anthony Ciliento**  
Fairfield, CT  
Union Organizer for United  
Food and Commercial Workers

**Lucie Davis**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Elementary School Teacher in  
New York City  
Completing M.A. in Elementary  
Education  
Also works for Oasis Children's  
Services

Leslie D'Addio  
Springfield, MA  
Law Student, Western New  
England School of Law

Mike Giaquinto, Jr.  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Civil Litigation Paralegal, Law  
Office of Monty H. Amyx  
Law Student, Santa Barbara  
College of Law

Michael Haynes  
Selden, NY  
Graduate Student in Political  
Science  
University of Delaware

Brenna Kelleher  
Maplewood, NJ  
Graduate Student, Whitehead  
School of Diplomacy and  
International Relations  
Seton Hall University

Sarah Kolb  
Hartford, CT  
Legislative Aide to Michael  
Lawlor (D)  
Clerk of the Judiciary  
Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly

Rebecca Millet  
Bronx, NY  
Paralegal with law firm

Michael Muszynski  
Kensington, CT  
Legislative Aide to State  
Senator Ed Meyer (D)  
Connecticut General Assembly  
Law Student, Western New  
England School of Law

Jennifer L. Paquette  
Wethersfield, CT  
Deputy Finance Director  
DeStefano for Governor  
Campaign in Connecticut

Caitlin Ryan  
Washington, D.C.  
Research Assistant, National  
Committee for an Effective  
Congress

Lindsay Travis  
Mahopac, NY  
Completing M.A. in Education  
at Sacred Heart University,  
History, Secondary Education

Olia M. Yelner  
Trumbull, CT  
Law Student, University of  
Connecticut School of Law

## Honorary Political Science Alumnus

Thomas P. Melady, Ph.D.  
Washington, D.C.  
Professor and Senior Diplomat  
in Residence, Institute of World  
Politics,  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the  
Vatican, Uganda and Burundi  
Former Special Assistant to the  
U.S. Department of Education  
Past President and Professor  
Emeritus, Sacred Heart  
University  
Ph.D. Catholic University  
Married to Margaret, two  
children

## Political Science Alumni - Residence by State

