

# UCI Department of Political Science

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

The UC Irvine Department of Political Science is excited to continue its quarterly newsletter! Read below for our latest achievements, announcements, and events offered in Spring Quarter 2022!

The graphic features a background image of a desert landscape with sand dunes and a paved road leading into the distance. At the top left, the UCI Department of Political Science logo is displayed. The title 'Spring 2022 Events Calendar' is centered in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a table with three columns: Date, Event, and Location. The table lists eight events from April to June 2022.

Date	Event	Location
FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 12:00 - 1:15 PM	AMERICAN POLITICS COLLOQUIUM: JONATHAN COLLINS	ZOOM TALK (LINK DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY)
FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 2:00 - 3:20 PM	POLITICAL THEORY COLLOQUIUM: ELIZABETH ANKER	SBSG 1321
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022 12:00 - 1:15 PM	AMERICAN POLITICS COLLOQUIUM CHAYA CROWDER	SBSG 1511
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022 12:00 - 1:15 PM	AMERICAN POLITICS COLLOQUIUM: MEREDITH CONROY	SBSG 1511
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022 2:00 - 3:20 PM	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COLLOQUIUM: ROBBIE SHILLIAM	SBSG 1321
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 2:00 - 3:00 PM	POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS CEREMONY	SBSG 1517
WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2022 12:30 - 2:00 PM	END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION	SBSG 1517 PATIO
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 3:30 - 5:00 PM	PROFESSOR CAROLE UHLANER RETIREMENT CELEBRATION	SBSG 1517 PATIO

Above is a list of events we held throughout the spring quarter. Thank you to all the organizers who made these talks happen!

# Faculty Member Achievements



Professor Charles Anthony Smith has achieved several milestones during the Spring Quarter and we're here to celebrate them! Books: 2023 (forthcoming) *The Politics of Perverts*, the political attitudes and political behavior of non-traditional sexual minorities NYU Press (with Shawn Schulenberg & Connor Strobel) 2022 *Sex Trafficking and Human Rights: The Status of Women and State Responses*, Georgetown University Press (with Heather Smith-Cannoy and Patricia Rodda) 2021 *Gerrymandering the States: Partisanship, Race, and the Transformation of American Federalism*, Cambridge University Press 2021 (with Anthony J. McGann, Michael Latner, and Alex J. Keena) 2021 *Elite Mobilization and Gay Rights: Dispelling the Myth of Mass Opinion Backlash*, University of Michigan Press 2021 (with Benjamin G. Bishin, Thomas J. Hayes, and Matthew B. Incantalupo) Articles: "Immigration and Public Opinion: Will backlash impede immigrants' policy progress?" 2022 (with Benjamin G. Bishin, Thomas J. Hayes, and Matthew B. Incantalupo) *Social Science Quarterly* 102(6): 3036-3049 "Elite Mobilization Theory: A Theory Explaining Opposition to Gay Rights" 2020 (with Benjamin G. Bishin, Thomas J. Hayes, and Matthew B. Incantalupo) *Law & Society Review* 54(1): 233-264 Activities: Organized the ASU/UCI Conference on Human Trafficking January 14, 2022 Named *Political Research Quarterly*, Editor in Chief starting July 2022.

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Congratulations to Professor Danielle Thomsen on her recently co-authored publications!

"Women's Representation and the Gendered Pipeline to Power." Co-authored with Aaron S. King. Paper published in the *American Political Science Review* in 2020.

"The Primary Path for Turning Legislative Effectiveness into Electoral Success." Co-authored with Sarah Treul, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Politics* in 2022.

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Congratulations to Professor Mary McThomas for her recently published book, *Elusive Subjects: Immigrant Recognition and Legitimation in Modern Surveillance States*. Can't wait to read it!

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Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard is an Associate Professor of African American Studies with courtesy appointments in Political Science; Global and International Studies; and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Irvine. Willoughby-Herard is also Professor Extraordinarius in the Chief Albert Luthuli Research Research Chair in the College of Human Sciences (September 2021-August 2024) at the University of South Africa and the President of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (54th Annual Conference March 9-11, 2023, Atlanta). Willoughby-Herard is a 2022-2023 National Humanities Center Fellow in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. They are the 2021-2022 recipient of the campus' Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentorship, one of the most prestigious awards University of California professors can receive from their colleagues. Their poetry about the politics of African Politics in the discipline of political science was re-published in *Wild Imperfections: An Anthology of Womanist Poems* compiled and edited by Natalia Molebatsi with a foreword by Bernardine Evaristo (Cassava Republic Books, 2021); first published by Penguin Random House South Africa (2021).

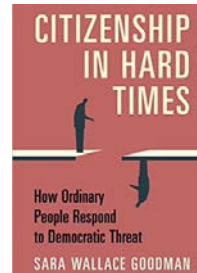
In March 2021 she published "AICRE + Philosophy—Picking up a Dropped Stitch in the Humanities" for the Miami Institute for Social Science Inaugural Forum and in October 2020 she published "The Police Tackled Shikera C." for the Praxis Center: Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership Blog edited by H.L.T. Quan. She co-authored the preface entitled, "Unhushable Wit': Pedagogy, Laughter, and Joy in the Classrooms of Cedric J. Robinson," to the Revised and Updated Third Edition of Cedric J. Robinson's *Black Marxism: The Making of the Black Radical Tradition with Damien Sojoyner* (Penguin Edition 2021; University of North Carolina Press Edition 2020).

Willoughby-Herard co-authored her first ever Washington Post Op-Ed in response to the horrific domestic terror bomb threats at Historically Black Colleges and Universities in January and February 2022. Willoughby-Herard and historian Jessica Millward are concluding their work in Summer 2022 as the co-principal investigators of the three-year Activist Studio West-University of California-Morgan State University graduate pathways research project. This work has catalyzed the successful recruitment of dozens of African,

Black, and Caribbean humanities doctoral and medical school students concerned with challenging and mitigating the institutionalized, structural, and material effects of racial terror in all of its dimensions.

Her co-writing groups have found colleagues completing writing projects, advancing in their careers, and walking in the dignity that our Ancestors have bequeathed to us as much beloved, cherished, fought for, and dreamt of African people. She's got four other forthcoming research articles.

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Congratulations to Professor Sara Goodman for her recently published book, *Citizenship in Hard Times: How Ordinary People Respond to Democratic Threat*. Can't wait to read it!

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Visiting Professor, Alon Burstein, led an academic talk in cooperation with the Center for Jewish Studies at UCI on May 27, 2021; discussing the history of the "Two State Solution" to the Israeli / Palestinian Conflict.

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*Ben Hoyt (left); Kristen Monroe (right)*

Professor Kristen Monroe has published the article: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall. Understanding the Search for Peace in Aversive Circumstances by Analyzing the Political Psychology of Berlin Wall Crossers" with graduate student Ben Hoyt.

She has also working on the Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis during Summer 2022. Professor Monroe has authored two books: [18] *The Unspoken Morality of Childhood: Family, Friendship, Self-Esteem and the Wisdom of the Everyday*. Anthem

Press of Cambridge U Press. May 2022, and [19] *When Conscience Calls: Moral Courage in an Age of Confusion and Despair*. University of Chicago Press, in press. Additionally, she has currently completed five book chapters and have received several grants.

The Ethics Center Summer Mentoring Program received over 300 applicants again this year from all around the world and Professor Monroe worked in developing two additional modules to accommodate all applicants before closing applications in mid-April. The program has 9 modules on (1) science and moral reflection (two sessions), (2) moral courage, (3) political resilience, (4) the pseudoscience of race and ethnicity, (5) the deceptive social hologram, (6) political violence and memory, (7) the Ukrainian crisis, and (8) human rights. The summer interns are great to work with and Professor Monroe would like to encourage other faculty to offer a module on their research in 2023, where we again will be online.

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## Graduate Student Achievements

### Congrats to our 2022 Graduate Award Winners!



Congratulations to Alisson Rowland (left), who was nominated and won the department's **David Easton Award**, which recognizes the best graduate qualifying paper submitted during the past year.

Congratulations to Wondong Lee (right), who was nominated and won the department's **Harry Eckstein Award**, which recognizes an outstanding Ph.D. student and provides funds to participate in a professional conference.



Congratulations to Graduate Student Liz Muehlmann for serving as the the 2022 Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy Peltason Fellow, for receiving the 2022 Brython Davis Fellowship, and for being awarded the 2022 Outstanding Service Award from the UCI School of Social Sciences!

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Phoebe Moon was recently awarded the International Studies Association's 2022 Carl Beck Award. The Carl Beck Award, established in 1980, is presented on an annual basis to a graduate student for his or her paper in the field of International Studies. Carl Beck was aware that the field of international relations faced difficult new challenges. To respond to those challenges it must be adaptive and innovative, open to new ideas, perspectives and approaches. The Committee therefore looks for original papers that deal with traditional concerns in new and interesting ways or with emergent international conditions and problems.

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Congratulations to Misbah Hyder for being one of three Graduate Students across the UC Irvine campus to be awarded the "Most Promising Future Faculty Member Award" from Graduate Division.

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Congratulations to Melina Much for receiving the Empirical Study of Gender Network (EGEN) Annual Prize Award and a forthcoming Invited Oxford Handbook Chapter on Methodological Pluralism for Political Science, "Intersectional Quantitative Methods."

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Congratulations to William Kidd who had an article titled “Moral Leadership in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election” accepted to Political Psychology in Fall 2021.  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/pops.12782>

This article went on to be covered by a Psychology newsletter:  
<https://www.psypost.org/2022/01/new-study-indicates-republicans-revised-their-moral-beliefs-to-be-more-in-alignment-with-donald-trump-62439>

The article also went on to be linked to a Newsweek article: <https://www.newsweek.com/was-donald-trump-americas-first-atheist-president-opinion-1685586>

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Congratulations to graduating PhD student Isabel Gonzales for their achievements in receiving the Bayard Rustin Award for Best LGBTQ+ Student Paper, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (March 11, 2022)

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Congratulations to Ben Raynor who just had his article, "The Shadow of Sanctions: Reputational Risk, Financial Reintegration and the Political Economy of Sanctions Relief" published by the European Journal of International Relations (June 7th, 2022).

The article addresses under-examined dynamics related to why some countries successfully recover from economic sanctions while others do not. It finds, paradoxically, that the reputational dynamics built into US financial sanctions, making them particularly impactful, are the same dynamics that prevent targeted economies from returning to pre-sanction growth and foreign direct investment.

It is now available in Online First format at the following link:  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/13540661221100540>

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Congratulations to Nazim Uras Demir for becoming a Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellow (2022-2023), a UC Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation (IGCC) Fellow (2022-2023), and a DTEI Pedagogical Fellow (2022).

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## Welcome our Newest Faculty Affiliates



Welcome Assistant Professor Christopher Harris (pictured left) who is based in the Global & International Studies Department, and Professor Jeffrey Wasserstrom (pictured right) who is based in the History Department!

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## Undergraduate Student News



Joshua Swank, a senior majoring in political science, is the recipient of the 2022 Lauds and Laurels Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, which recognizes a single undergraduate student across the entire UCI campus who "has excelled academically and



significantly participated in campus and community service programs, projects, clubs and organizations." Joshua is also a recipient of the 2022 School of Social Sciences Order of Merit Award.

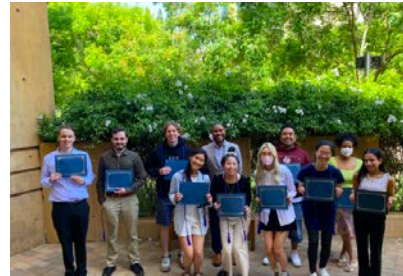
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Nervana Fadle is a graduating senior double majoring in political science and environmental science and policy. Nervana is in the Political Science department honors thesis program and has been working as a student assistant in the Political Science department throughout Spring quarter. She is a recipient of the 2022 School of Social Sciences Order of Merit Award which is awarded to 2% of graduating students in the school of Social Sciences. Nervana will be heading to UC Berkeley in fall as an Arcus Social Justice Fellow to pursue her master's in city planning.

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## **Congrats to our 2022 Undergrad Honors Students!**



Congratulations to the 2022 Pi Sigma Alpha inductees (pictured left) and the Political Science Honors Thesis cohort (pictured right)!

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**Graduating PhD Students**



Congratulations to Chaz Briscoe who will be defending his dissertation in Summer 2022 and has accepted a post-doc tenured track position at Virginia Tech University!

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Congratulations to Nathan Chan for successfully defending his dissertation in Spring 2022! Nathan has formally accepted an offer for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Loyola Marymount University, effective July 1. Congratulations Nathan, we're so thrilled you'll be close to Eater Nation!

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Congratulations to Isabel Gonzales for accepting a one-year Assistant Professor Position at the University of Virginia starting this fall teaching Women, Gender, and Sexuality!

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Congratulations to Misbah Hyder who will be defending her dissertation in Summer 2022 and this July will be starting a 3-year Postdoc at the Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Notre Dame!

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Congratulations to PhD student Paul Love for successfully defending his dissertation in Spring 2022, "Emergent Strategic Culture: Post-Cold War Europe Navigating Great Power Relations with the U.S., Russia, and China."

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Congratulations to Phoebe Moon who will be starting a tenure-track job at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia this fall!

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Congratulations to graduating PhD student Bianca Sofia Rubalcava for successfully defending her dissertation in Spring 2022! In the fall Bianca will begin as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at University of the Pacific teaching race and ethnic politics.

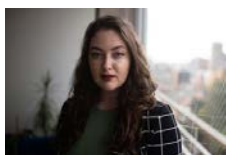
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Congratulations to Pooya Safarzadeh who will be defending his dissertation in Summer 2022 and will be starting a tenure-track position at California State University East Bay!

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## Alumni News



Congratulations to 2021 Political Science PhD recipient Shauna Gillooly who is the current Leading Edge Post-doctoral fellow at the American Council of Learned Societies and the Carnegie Foundation. Shauna will start a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in the Theory and Practice of International Relations (TRIP) at William & Mary's Global Research Institute beginning this summer.



Jonathan Cervas, 2020 UCI political science Ph.D., now a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute for Politics and Strategy at Carnegie-Mellon University, was appointed in 2021 as the mapping consultant to the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission. Cervas had previously served as a research assistant to Professor Bernard Grofman in three cases involving racial minorities (in Virginia, Utah and Georgia) where Professor Grofman had been the special master for a federal court

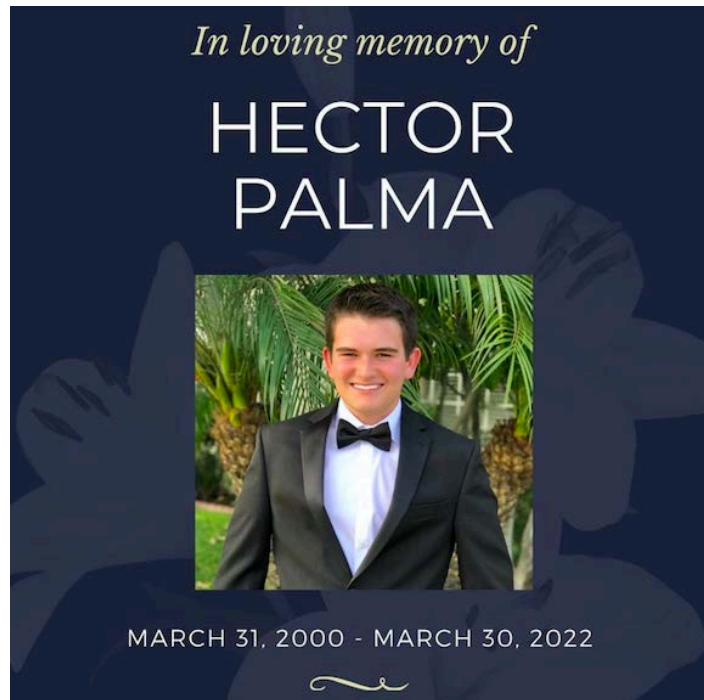
preparing remedial maps. Cervas has also co-authored more than half a dozen published or forthcoming articles with Grofman. Grofman, who has been referred to in the press as a "redistricting guru," was among those who nominated Cervas for the special master position in New York.



Lev Nachman (PhD. 2021) will be starting a tenure track assistant professor of political science and global studies job at National Chengchi University in Taiwan this fall.

## In Memoriam of Hector Palma

*Beloved member of our department's  
undergraduate Political Science program*



**Hector Palma**  
**2000-2022**

Hector Palma passed away on March 30 at the age of 22. He was set to graduate with a double major in Political Science/Global & International Studies. Hector had a passion for learning about international affairs. He was one of the smartest and hardest working students we have known. His intellectual curiosity and insightful contributions to class discussions helped enhance the learning environment of his courses.



As a course reader/assistant, he was very attentive in reviewing other students' work and offered detailed feedback to help his fellow students succeed. We will always remember Hector's unique perspectives on politics and life in general, his bright disposition and warm smile. We miss him deeply.

A memorial was held with Hector's family and some Political Science faculty and students on Friday, June 10th. Special thanks to Professor Bob Uriu and Professor Katelyn Finley on organizing the event.

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