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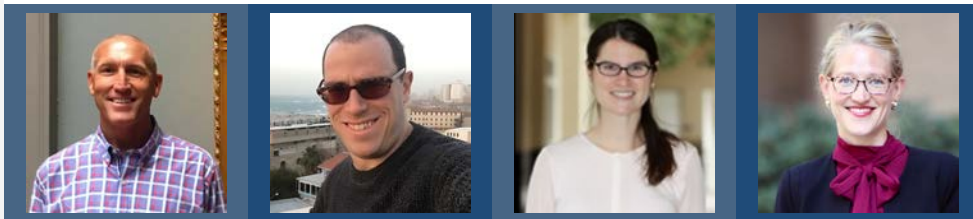
political science department newsletter

The UC Irvine Department of Political Science is excited to continue its quarterly newsletter! Read below for our latest achievements and announcements to celebrate those within our department!

FACULTY

member achievements

Fall 2023 Teaching Award Recipients



Congratulations to these esteemed professors for receiving an Outstanding Teaching Award! Pictured From Left to Right with the class they taught:

Matthew N Beckmann: WRITING FOR POTUS 121HW

Alon Burstein: ISRL IN COMP PSPCTV 159 and TERRISM & POL VLNCE 149

Katelyn Finley: APRCH TO PEACEBLDNG 149

Danielle Thomsen: INTRO AMERICAN GOVT 21A

New Director Position Appointments



Jeffrey Kopstein

Director of Center for Jewish Studies
(Humanities)

[Link to UCI Center for Jewish Studies](#)



Keith Topper

Director of the Critical Theory Program
(Humanities)

[Link to UCI Critical Theory](#)

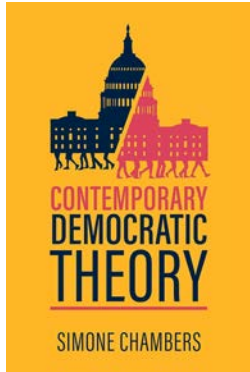


Kamal Sadiq

Director of GPACS (Soc Sci)
Center for Global Peace and Conflict
Studies

[Link to UCI Center for Global Peace & Conflict Studies](#)

Books & Publications



Professor Simone Chambers has a new book: *Contemporary Democratic Theory*. Chambers analyzes, explains, and evaluates the new directions taken by contemporary democratic theory in a time of democratic crisis.



Professor Jordie Davis recently was granted the Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant for her book on the Chicago Black Lives Matter movement. Professor Davis also **published a book chapter** in *Distinct Identities II: Minority Women in Politics* entitled "*Talking the Talk: Lori Lightfoot on Policing and Violence in Chicago*." This chapter considers how Black politicians contend with carceral constraints and crises in elected office.

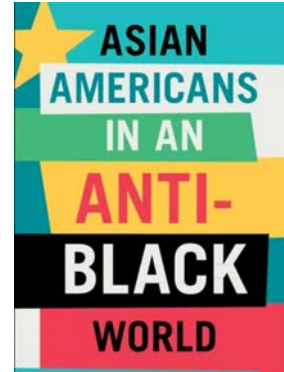
Professor Sara Goodman

who is a Chancellor's Fellow & Dean's Professor of Political Science has recently published research papers surrounding the politics of COVID-19 and European policy. Goodman's recent publications include: Gadarian, S. K., Goodman, S. W., & Pepinsky, T. B. (2023). Trumpism Explains COVID-19 Health Behaviors in the United States. *Public Opinion Quarterly*



[Link to Publications](#)

Professor Claire Jean Kim's third book, *Asian Americans in an Anti-Black World*, was published by Cambridge University Press in September 2023. It was listed on NPR's "Books We Love" list for 2023.



Professor Constantine Manda

recently published a research paper titled, "The Effects of Independent Local Radio on Tanzanian Public Opinion: Evidence from a Planned Natural Experiment". This research was reviewed and approved by Columbia University's Institutional Review Board and Tanzania's Commission of Science and Technology.



[Link to Publication](#)



Professor Kristen Monroe's book "*Principle, Politics and Standing Up to Donald Trump: Moral Courage and the Republican Party*" will be published this year. Monroe also received the Lasswell Award for Distinguished Scientific Work in Political Psychology.



[Link to Publications](#)

Professor Shawn Rosenberg

in response to an invitation from the British Psychological Society, is writing a book on "Populism" to be published by Routledge. He has given several invited talks. One was at IPSA in Buenos Aires entitled, "Trump Did Nothing Wrong: The Populist Conception of Political Corruption." A second was to the Department of Political Science at University College, Dublin, Ireland on "The Cognitive Bases of Support for Populist Attitudes."

Professor Kamal Sadiq

has been invited to join the editorial board of the journal Migration Studies while continuing on the editorial board of Citizenship Studies and the advisory board of Migration Politics, and serving on the Steering Committee of the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). Sadiq has also recently published a few articles, including "The Transnational Social Contract in the Global South" in the International Studies Quarterly.



[Link to Publications](#)



Professor Etel Solingen

gave a presentation on "Global Geo-Economic Competition: Resources, Players, High-Tech, and Trends," 10th Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate, The Emirates Policy Center, United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi (November 13, 2023). Solingen also published, "Nuclear cascades or more of the same? Why meliorists may have gotten it right" Futures and Foresight Science (2023)

[Link to Presentation](#)



Professor Rein Taagepera

co-authored in 2023 articles on "World population growth over millennia" in The Anthropocene Review, and "Lack-of-corruption goes with Libertarian-Egalitarian features of democracy" in Comparative Sociology. He has completed his memoirs from 1992 to 2001, including his campaign for presidency of Estonia, for publication in Estonian, "Kahepaikne" (Amphibian), and is proofreading "More People, Fewer States: The Past and Future of World Population and Empire Sizes" for Cambridge UP.

Professor Keith Topper

published a book chapter: Topper, Keith. 2023. "Pierre Bourdieu, Outline of a Theory of Practice." In The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory, edited by Jacob T. Levy. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

[Link to Publication](#)



Professor Carole Uhlaner

presented two papers at APSA on September 2023, both using CMPS data. One was coauthored with UCI graduate Danvy Le and current student Ana Schugurensky; it examined the effect of relational goods on political participation, especially vote turnout. The second was coauthored with current student William Kidd and examined the effect of relational goods on mask use during the Covid pandemic (2020-2021).

[Link to Publications](#)

Highlights & Announcements



Research Grant Recipient

Professor Daniel Brunstetter received the **Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation research grant** supporting scholars whose projects seek to provide a unique bridge between France and the U.S. His project explores the collection of farewell letters written by members of the French Resistance penned hours before the author was executed by Nazi firing squad.

[Link to Publications](#)



Outstanding Emeritus

In recognition of his service post-retirement, the UCI Emeriti Association has named **Jim Danziger** this year's Outstanding Emeritus!

[Outstanding Emeritus Article](#)



Redistricting Consultant

Professor Bernie Grofman helped redraw Virginia's federal and state legislative districts after a bipartisan commission deadlocked. Grofman will be one of two consultants hired to analyze new legislative boundary lines in Wisconsin, after the Supreme Court rejected a Republican-drawn map.

[Link to AP News Article](#)



International Fellowship

Professor Cecelia Lynch is completing a four-month Fellowship at the Academy of International Affairs - NRW in Bonn, Germany. During her fellowship term, Lynch travelled to Lubumbashi, DRC, to co-conduct a workshop on Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa, as part of the biannual African Studies Association of African (ASAA) conference.

[Link to Publications](#)



Political Theory Co-Editor

Professor Kevin Olson has become a new editor of Political Theory. It is a half-century old journal that publishes a wide range of rigorous and creative work across the field of political theory, including pieces by several of the Political Science Department's faculty members and recent graduates. It is highly selective, and is typically considered the flagship journal in the field.

[Inaugural Statement](#)

GRADUATE

student achievements

Awards & Fellowships



[Link to Publications](#)

Kristen Aanstoos

received the Kenneth E. Boulding Award by the ISA Peace Studies Section for the best graduate student paper presented at a Peace Studies panel at ISA 2023. Aanstoos was also awarded a \$5000 Humane Studies Fellowship by the Institute for Humane Studies to support her dissertation fieldwork in Nepal on women's participation in peace processes.



Gabriella Colello

was awarded the 2023 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, a prestigious award for demonstrated potential and success. Colello also was selected to be a PhD Fellow for the UCI CLIMATE Justice Initiative (CJI).



Amy Gilmore

was elected as an ISA West Executive Board Graduate Representative. Gilmore also received the WAC+WID Graduate Scholars fellowship for a project proposal focused on writing pedagogy for social science students engaging in interpretive methods.



Giovanna Itzel

received APSA's 2023 Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Mentor Award for Exemplary Mentoring of Latino/a Undergraduate Students in Political Science and was awarded the 2023-2024 Spring Diversity Fellowship Program (DFP) fellow through APSA.



Wondong Lee

is a PhD student with a position at the Sejong Institute, a leading research institution studying diplomatic security, located in South Korea.



Savannah Plaskon

advanced to the finalist round of the 2024 Grand Slam, a systemwide competition that showcases and awards the best three-minute research presentations by graduate scholars, representing the School of Social Science.

[Link to 2024 Grand Slam Finalists](#)

Publications



Samuel Morgan recently published “Using Process Tracing to Investigate Elite Experience Accrual: Explaining Margaret Thatcher’s Support for US Air Strikes Against Libya” in the Political Research Quarterly.

[Link to Research Paper](#)

POST DOCTORAL
achievements

Dr. Ashley C.J. Daniels is a Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Irvine in the Department of Political Science. Her writing has been featured in the Washington Post, the Washington and Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper, ForHarriet, the PHILLIS Journal for Research on African American Women, Political Science Today, and the National Review of Black Politics.



Dr Wilfred Wan, (PhD, 2013), joined SIPRI in 2022 as the **Director of the SIPRI Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme**. His recent research focuses on nuclear weapon risk reduction, nuclear disarmament verification, and other issues related to arms control and disarmament. Previously he has worked at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (Geneva, Switzerland), the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research (Tokyo, Japan), Hitotsubashi University (Tokyo, Japan), and Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (Boston, USA).

STAFF

announcements



Warm Welcome

We would like to congratulate Connie Cheng who joined the Political Science Department as the Department Manager in late October.

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Warm Welcome

Amelia Khamvongsa recently joined the Political Science Department as a newly hired office assistant. Khamvongsa is a first year political science major and looks forward to working within the department.

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