



## University of Kansas Political Science Department From the Chair: Professor Don Haider-Markel:

It's election season again and that means political science is a hot topic and Professor Bejarano, Loomis, and Miller are in high demand among reporters. Take a break from the horseraces and look inside and catch our updates on a few of our exceptional students as well as recent accomplishments by faculty.

This fall we welcomed two new faculty members to our department, Assistant Professor **Kevin Mullinix** and Assistant Professor **Rami Zeedan**. Professor Mullinix's interests are in public opinion and public policy. Professor Zeedan is jointly appointed in Jewish Studies and his expertise is in the Middle East, with a focus on Israel and sub-national politics.

Thanks to continued support from our donors we have been fortunate to sponsor or co-sponsor a number of high-caliber scholar visits to campus in the past year. As part of the **Clifford P. Ketzler Speaker Series for the Expression of Minority Opinions** and the **Political Science Lecture Series** we had the pleasure of hosting Professor **Gbemende Johnson** in November 2017 to speak about Adjudicating Executive Privilege for Executive Branch agencies. In March 2018 we co-sponsored a lecture by Professor **René D. Flores** with the Department of Sociology on the social construction of immigrants. Professor **Celeste Montoya** (April 2018) addressed the role of intersectionality in attempts by minority groups to mobilize politically. And in August 2018 we supported PhD alum Professor **Matt Miles** for his visit to discuss the **role of personality traits on the behavior of elected officials**.

Also thanks to support from our donors we were able to provide a number of awards for collaborative research between students and faculty through the Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Fund and the Lance F. Johnson Award, including:

- Shiloh K. Bennett, September 2017 Cigler Award with Professor Hannah Britton for a project on human trafficking
- Alexandra Middlewood, September 2017 Cigler award with Professors Joslyn and Haider-Markel for research on female gun ownership and political engagement
- Anna Buhlinger, September 2017 Cigler award with Professor Haider-Markel for a project on abortion interest groups
- Amilee Turner, January 2018 Cigler award with Professor Carter for research on the impact of gender equality on domestic terrorism
- Saif Bajwa, January 2018 Cigler award with Professor Carter for research on the impact of gender equality on domestic terrorism
- Kaitlyn Foster, January 2018 Cigler award with Professor Loomis for a project on local climate change policy
- Sierra Watt, spring 2018 Johnson award with Professor Bejarano on motivating women of color to be political candidates
- Kevin Stump, spring 2018 Cigler award with Professor Webb for research on tax policy transparency and related policy preferences
- Cagil Albayrak, summer 2018 Cigler award with Professor Wuthrich for a project on female political candidates in Turkey
- Abigail Vegter, fall 2018 Johnson award with Professors Joslyn and Haider-Markel on perceptions of discrimination against minority groups
- Fengxue Zhang, fall 2018 Cigler award with Professor Kennedy for research on satisfaction with local sanitation services in rural and urban China
- Alexander Estopare, fall 2018 Cigler award with Professor Haider-Markel on a new measure of Environmental Advocacy Groups in the American States

You can continue to get updates about the department on our webpage ( <http://kups.ku.edu/> ), on Facebook ( <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Political-Science-at-KU/202370096499170> ), on LinkedIn at "KU Political Science" and on Twitter (@KUPoliticalSci) where we'll post more day-to-day news about items of interest.

In February 2018 we honored our outstanding undergraduate and graduate students with monetary and distinction awards at our **Phi Sigma Alpha Honor's Recognition Ceremony**. We will hold a similar event in 2019 and in May 2019 we will be hosting the 8th annual **Political Science Graduation Celebration** (founded by Professor **Elaine Sharp**) for all graduating political science majors and their families. You can find pictures of these events on our webpage and our Facebook page.

I invite you to contact me or any of the faculty with news that you would like to share with us and with other department alumni (dhmarkel@ku.edu).

**Fengxue Zhang, fall 2018 recipient of the Allan J Cigler Academic Enrichment Award**

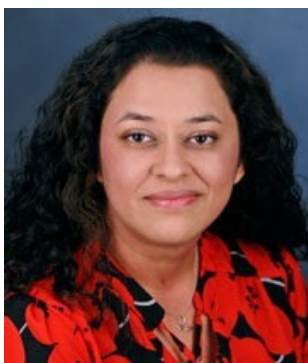


## GENDER & POLITICS

Political and cultural developments in recent years have increased attention on gender and politics. Our courses on these topics have enrolled more students than ever before, and more women are running for elective office than any time in American history. Here are some highlights regarding the work of our faculty and students.



Professor Christina Bejarano is currently serving as an expert contributor for Gender Watch 2018, an effort to track, analyze, and illuminate gender dynamics in the midterm 2018 elections. This role includes the opportunity to contribute blog posts highlighting the gender and racial dynamics to the 2018 election, especially those related to Bejarano's research on Latina electoral politics in the U.S. Professor Bejarano contributed a post in April ["Thinking beyond 'the first' distinction for women of color candidates" which highlights some of the women of color candidates in 2018](#) who are working to become 'the first' to represent their communities in Congress or as governor. In July, Bejarano contributed a post on ["Measuring Success for Latina Politics in 2018,"](#) which highlighted how recent campaigns of women of color are broadening our traditional political models for candidates and their campaigns. In October Professor Bejarano contributed a joint post with her graduate student Sierra Watt on the [notable campaigns of Native American women](#) in this year's election. This type of community engagement bridges Professor Bejarano's scholarship with the larger community.



Professor Bejarano incorporates her research interests and national service into her teaching. This fall, she is teaching a new course on Gender in Elections, which is cross-listed with Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Department at KU. In the course, she asks students to track/analyze gender dynamics in the 2018 election, which is what Bejarano is currently doing with Gender Watch 2018. In the course, students draw upon research to inform their understanding of the ways in which gender shapes political campaigns/campaigning. Students in the course closely analyze the numbers, success, and strategies of women candidates in the U.S. Assignments include 3 blog posts, which allow the students to focus on some aspect of gender in the 2018 midterm campaign over the course of the semester. The blogs need to tie-in the current electoral environment and

a discussion of the class/topic readings. The students were especially active in tracking the gender dynamics in the Kansas gubernatorial and congressional races. A November Gender Watch post included examples of the "[Student Perspectives on Gender Dynamics in Election 2018](#)."



PhD Candidate Sierra Watt



Complementing the Gender and Elections this fall in political science, Professor Hannah Britton is offering Women and Politics. This class covers a range of political topics, including gender and campaigns; legislative behavior through the lens of race, gender, and sexual identity; gender and conflict; and gender in the international political economy. Students have been conducting mini-research projects focusing on the role of gender, region, and race in political campaign advertisements in the current U.S. elections. They are also researching various aspects of gender and legislative behavior in Congress. After students read and analyzed a range of scholarly articles on these topics, they then designed their own projects based on these studies. Professor Britton has been working with Amalia Monroe-Gulick at KU Libraries to design these two research projects and to assist students accessing the key databases covering congressional information including voting records, biographical backgrounds, campaign finance, committee service, issue positions, and interest group ratings.



Professor Hannah Britton





Women and Politics class session

A third course focusing on gender and politics this fall is PhD student Rachel Denney's Women and Politics in Latin America. This course examines the role of women in Latin American and Caribbean politics. Students are analyzing a range of topics in the course, including women's representation in political office, women's political activism, LGBTQ movements, gender and development, and indigenous feminism. A highlight of the course is the Unexpected Caribbean Symposium, a national conference bringing together scholars, filmmakers, artists and educators to KU. Students are learning the value of interdisciplinary approaches to social inquiry as well as using comparative case studies to understand how geography, context, and economic systems affect women's social and political power. The class will culminate in a public presentation of students' research in which they share their interests and findings with the larger KU community.

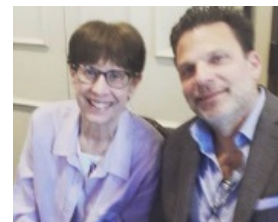


PhD candidate Rachel Denney (WGSS and POLS)



## KU POLS ALUMNI

KU Political Science alumni Austin Hart and Matt Miles came to give lectures and Ruth Anne French-Hodson spoke at our department graduation ceremony!



## IN THE SPRING WE HONORED THESE STUDENTS THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS ALUMNI AND PI SIGMA ALPHA

Sixteen students were inducted April 20 into the Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Criteria for induction include a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in all political science courses with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.4 for undergraduates, additionally, inductees cannot have a grade lower than a B in any political science course. The following were inducted:

Catherine Bernard, Anna Buhlinger, Constanza Castro, Emily Depew, Rachel Finnell, Shane Hofer, Kaitlyn Johnson, Eric Kros, Monica Maurer, Brandon Mitchell, Nicole Purcell, Ashley Reece, Rachel Yu-Ru Tan, Amilee Turner, Kelly Wood, and Fengxue Zhang

**Ethan P. Allen Pi Sigma Alpha Award:** Rebekah Burweger

**Emmet L. Bennett Scholarship:** Fengxue Zhang, Constanza Castro, Shane Hofer, Caleb Kampsen, Shea O'Sullivan, Corey Minkoff

**Eldon Field Pi Sigma Alpha Award:** Garrison Matthews, Ashley Reece

**Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarships:** Anna Buhlinger, Ananda Bhatia, Nicholas Khatri, Emily Depew, Vincent Munoz, Emma Green, Rachel Yu-Ru Tan, Harneet Sanghera

**Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Award:** Kevin Stump, Alexandra Middlewood, Amilee Turner, Anna Buhlinger Saif Bajwa, and Shiloh Bennett

**Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship:** Scott Gilmore

**Political Science Faculty Award:** Jacob Janeiro, Kevin Stump, Kaitlyn Johnson, Chance Maginness

**Walter Thompson Scholarship in Political Science:** Rachel Finnell, Patrick Gauding, William Hatungimana, Yeon Joo Kim, Alexandra Middlewood, Haruka Nagao, Amilee Turner, Abigail Vegter, Sierra Watt

**Joseph Harris Fellowship in Political Science:** Yeon Joo Kim

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Pictured Ryan Daugherty, Kristina Youngblood, and also Ben Rogers-who received the 2018 Argersinger Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences!

### SOME OF THE RECENT GRADUATE STUDENT ACTIVITY

**Cagil Albayrak** received a 2018 Allan J Cigler Academic Enrichment Fund Award to work with Dr. Wuthrich on women's candidacy in political parties and legislative representation in Turkey. He spent the summer working as a graduate researcher on a project with professors Brittnee Carter and Mike Wuthrich. Their paper "Understanding Religious Terrorism: An Empirical Analysis of Islamist Terror Activity" is accepted to be presented at ISA Midwest. He hopes to present research with Dr. Wuthrich on women's legislative representation and candidacy in Turkey at the MPSA in 2019. Cagil traveled to Washington D.C. with a group of KU students for a field trip and to attend a human rights conference, and he worked as a graduate assessment assistant at the KU First Year Experience Office to assess the previous academic year's teaching and learning performance. He is currently working on his dissertation on **designation of terror groups**.

**Sara Miller** presented at MPSA, last Spring, a paper title Collusion, Clientelism, or Representation, The Implications of the Cartel Party Theory. She continues to work away at her dissertation.

**Amilee Turner** has ISA Midwest coming up in November where she will present a paper with Dr. Webb on "I'm Not Saying They should Have done It, but I Understand: Examining Public Responses to Political Violence" Also Dr. Carter, in October, is presenting the paper she did along with Amilee on gender equality and domestic terrorism on a selective APSA panel in DC. Amilee also had a recent APSA Travel Grant that helped her travel to present about The Role of Grievances as a Precondition to Extremism and Terrorism among her many other awards this year. This research was also featured in KU Today and Homeland Security news Wire.

**Abigail Vegter** also received an APSA Travel Grant for APSA. Her research showing gun owners being politically active has been featured this year in many publications and news media.

**Sierra Watt** received the Lance F. Johnson Award and also her Walter Thompson Research Award, to work with Dr. Bejarano on the political engagement of Women of Color. She has had several publications, such as along with Carolina Costa Candal and Marcy Quiason, an article " Marginalization and Fear? Concealed Carry and Campus climate in the Trump-Era" published in the journal Women, Gender and Families of Color. She has had two reviews published, and has done presentations with Dr. Bejarano from Thompson summer research " New Expectations for Women of Color in State Legislative Representation." She also participated in the Women's Caucus Signature Round table: "Emerging Scholarship on Women of Color in Politics" while at APSA this year. She was thankful to speak on women in tribal government for the KU Libraries Gallery Series and share her dissertation research at the 2018 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Conference in LA for a discussion panel at the KU film & Media Studies Graduate Symposium with An Sasala, Abigail Barefoot, and Charlesia McKinney, entitled "Feminist Protest in the Age of New Media":

**Todd Schmidt**, in October, is attending the 70th annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point, New York He will attend and participate as a Round-Table Session Co-Chair on U.N. Multilateral Organizations in the next 70 years, conduct further research in support of his dissertation, and speak to USMA faculty.



**Alan Arwine** teaches classes in American government, comparative politics and international politics. He is writing two books: the first examines political tolerance in advanced industrialized countries and the second explores determinants of human rights.

**Nazli Avdan** is working on a number of projects that explore the connection between organized crime and non-state violence, one looking at the effects of visa and migration policies on the drug-terrorism nexus, one coauthored with Dr. Omelicheva, examining human trafficking patterns by insurgent groups, and another project on narcotrafficking and terrorism. At the same time, she is working on a set of experimental studies with Dr. Webb on public attitudes toward terrorism.

**Christina Bejarano** helped chair/organize the Women and Politics Research Section for the 2018 American Political Science Association Conference. She is serving as the President for the Women's Caucus for Political Science, which is a national organization whose mission is to upgrade the status of women in the profession of political science. She is also serving as an expert contributor for Gender Watch 2018, which includes allows her to share my research and track the gender/racial dynamics of the 2018 midterm election through [blog posts online](#). Follow on Twitter @CEBejarano

**David Brichoux** has been focused on the urgency of climate change; he has tried to steer the efforts of his students into finding solutions to the political stalemate on climate change, making this a major component of his Congress and environmental politics and policy courses. He has also been conducting [research](#) with Professor Joslyn on the problem of how values and beliefs interact to produce policy attitudes; he presented a related paper at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago in April.

**Hannah Britton** continues to lead the [Center for the Study of Injustice](#) at the Institute for Policy & Social Research. In this role, she directs the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative (<http://ipsr.ku.edu/ASHTI/>), two qualitative methods working groups, and a working group on gender-based violence. She also co-directs the Food Research Group.

**Brittnee Carter** received a grant from the DIA's Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Intelligence to work with KU POLS students on [research](#) regarding religious terrorism. She continues to publish in the areas of interstate conflict and terrorism.

**Don Haider-Markel** is chairing the department and [published](#) several co-authored articles on LGBT politics, gun politics, and the politics of attributions. He co-authored The Remarkable Rise of Transgender Rights (University of Michigan Press), and has three other book projects underway; follow on twitter @dhmarkel

**Carolyn Johnson** is teaching law courses in the department, including the ever popular course on constitutional law.

**Paul Johnson** is serving Director of the Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis (CRIMDA) where is supervising research projects with KU and K State. This year, he has two new packages on the R worldwide network. First, "stationery" demonstrates methods for creation of reproducible research documents which weld together the process of data analysis with the production of reports. Second, "kutils" offers a transparent data management framework that links together principal investigators, researchers, and research consumers. These are new wave techniques proposed for the reduction of fraud and errors in research. You can follow CRIMDA activities on their [blog](#)

**Mark Joslyn** is serving as Graduate Director and continues to [publish in the area of gun politics and mass shootings](#). His articles explore people's emotional reactions to gun violence and political attitudes and behaviors of gun owners. He also examines the relationship between misinformation and education across a **host of political issues**.

**John Kennedy** has completed Local Leaders, Families and the 'Missing Girls' in Rural China a book manuscript for Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2019). He also [published](#) an article in Politics and Governance with doctoral student Haruka Nagao and published an article with his former student in the Journal of Contemporary China. This summer he agreed to be named the Director of the Center for East Asian Studies and successfully obtained \$1.8 million in Title VI and foreign Language and Areas Studies Grants.

**Burdett Loomis** is officially retired but is (happily for us) continuing to serve as an instructor to oversee the DC and Topeka intern programs.

## FACULTY ACTIVITY CONTINUED

**Patrick Miller** has been continuing his research on the effects of partisan social identity and the psychological factors underlying attitudes toward transgender rights policies. He has also regularly appeared in media outlets such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, NPR, and the Kansas City Star commenting on politics. He tweets about politics and political science @pmiller1693Z

**Kevin Mullinix** joined the department as an Assistant Professor in August 2018. He [researches](#) the effects of wrongful convictions – and media attention to miscarriages of justice – for attitudes toward the death penalty, police reform, and trust in the justice system. He continues to publish studies on the extent to which elected officials shape public opinion, the dynamics that impact attitudes toward law enforcement, and the validity and generalizability of experiments in the social sciences.



**Mariya Omelicheva** has been [working on](#) The Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus: Mapping Security Threats and State Responses in Central Asia (with Lawrence Markowitz), and published two articles. She is on leave this academic year and teaching at the National War College.

**Marie Staniforth** secured a book contract entitled "Agonistic Democracy: Rethinking Political Institutions in Pluralist Times" (expected 2019) and published a co-authored article in The British Journal of Politics and International Relations. She also presented at GPPSA, co-presented with a student at the GKC Peacebuilding and Nonviolence Conference, and joined Humanities Kansas as a community speaker on the topic of "A New Approach to Democracy."

**Gary Reich's** recent [research](#) focuses on immigration politics and policy at the state level in the United States. Over the past year, he has published peer reviewed articles in Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Research and Politics, and Policy Studies Journal (forthcoming)

**Robert Rohrschneider** [has completed](#) a book on the 2013 Federal election in Germany published by Routledge in 2018. His interest on the rise of nationalism in Europe led to an APSA-affiliated workshop in Boston which was funded by the European Studies Association. He is now completing a Handbook of Political Representation for Oxford University Press, and several papers on European integration and party competition in Europe..

**Clayton Webb** has been conducting [research](#) in political methodology that focuses on issues related to specification of dynamic models. He recently developed a hypothesis testing procedure that uses critical value bounds to accommodate uncertainty about the univariate properties of time series variables. His recent research in international relations focuses on public opinion and foreign policy, with projects examining public perceptions of terrorist attacks and economic sanction disputes.

**Michael Wuthrich** [is working on](#) a collaborative book project on state-society relations, religious outlooks, and political preferences in the Middle East. Along with other projects on attitudes toward immigrants in Turkey, he is also working on an extended project and dataset addressing the factors behind the drastic increase of women in national politics and parliament in the country.

**Rami Zeedan** joined KU in fall 2018 as part of POLS and Jewish Studies. In the previous academic year, he was a Visiting Professor at UC Berkeley. His [recent articles](#) focus on modern Israel, Israeli politics, Middle-Eastern politics, ethnic politics, urban affairs and local governments, and public opinion.



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Ron Francisco, the Professor Emeritus of Political Science, died on September 10, 2018 at the age of 70 after a long illness. He was with his family at their new home in Oklahoma.

Francisco was a noted scholar of protest, repression, and social movements in political science. His lasting contributions include several books on collective action issues, including *The Politics of Regime Transitions* and *The Dynamics of Conflict*. His most recent publications included *Collective Action Theory and Empirical Evidence* (2010), and a series of articles and book chapters. During his career his research was funded by a Fulbright Fellowship, a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, and the National Science Foundation.

Perhaps most notably, Francisco spent countless hours gathering data for public use on protest activity and government repression around the world. Ron's research in public documents was wide-ranging and he often shared tidbits with colleagues based on their research interests, sometimes inspiring collaborations and new research projects.

Students at KU often praised Francisco's courses and his teaching style and methods. He was always viewed as fair, but rigorous, demanding that his students engage the world around them. Francisco was also known for his dry humor in the classroom, leaving long-term impressions on his students. His excellence in teaching was recognized through a number of university-wide educator awards over the course of his more than 40 years of teaching, including a W.T. Kemper Teaching Fellowship Award in 1999.

Ron also had interests and skills beyond professional ones. He was an avid reader, reading well outside of his adopted discipline. He became a student of finance, even writing a book on personal finances specifically for academics, *Finance for Academics: A Guide to Investment for Income*. He was always happy to give investing advice to fellow faculty members and his students. Ron also became an accomplished runner, keeping an intensive regimen until late in life...

Francisco attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison from 1966 to 1968 and then studied at the University of Vienna, Austria, from 1968 to 1969. He returned to the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and completed his BA in 1970. From 1970 to 1972 he completed an MA before attending graduate courses at the Free University of Berlin from 1972 to 1973. He completed his PhD in political science in 1977 from the University of Illinois. Francisco joined the faculty in the Department of Political Science at KU in 1974 with ABD status as an assistant professor. From 1976 to 1980 he also held an assistant professor position in the Soviet and East European Studies Department at the University of Kansas. From 1980 to 1993 Francisco was an associate professor of political science and Russian and East European studies. In 1994 he was promoted to professor of political science and Russian and East European studies. He served as chair of the Department of Political Science from 1994 to 1998. Francisco retired from KU in 2014 and was granted Emeritus Professor status.

Francisco is survived by his wife Deborah, son Chris, and a grandson.