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Professor Rosalee Clawson
Head, Department of Political Science

cordially invites you to a

POLITICAL SCIENCE

50th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Empire Room at the Palmer House, Chicago, IL

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails

RSVP by April 1st

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Please advise us if you have any dietary requests and/or special needs.

Meet Boilermaker Elizabeth Wulbrecht



Elizabeth Wulbrecht

Elizabeth Wulbrecht is not your everyday undergraduate student. A native of Lafayette, Indiana, she started her academic studies in another major, but after an International Relations class with Dr. Ann Marie Clark, she became a convert to the study of political science. She is pursuing a double major (Political Science and Anthropology) with a minor in Philosophy.

Elizabeth is the winner of the 2014-15 Political Science Undergraduate Research Grant. She likes “to look at the way people think, how that is affected by different cultures, and how they think politically.” She uses video from the C-SPAN Archives to analyze elite discourse on mental illness after prominent gun violence episodes. She examines how Members of Congress “frame” the issue of mental illness.

This past summer (2014), Elizabeth took an ethnographic field methods course and spent three weeks in Brazil. She spent half of her time looking at the issues of sustainability and deforestation in the border town of Tucuma – a lawless, “Wild West” town, at the very edge of deforestation in the Amazon that serves as a settlement for gold miners and illegal loggers. The other half of her time, Elizabeth spent in an Amazon village studying the Kayapo tribe, specifically the culture bias syndrome as it pertains to mental illness considering that different cultures do not distinguish between mental and physical health.

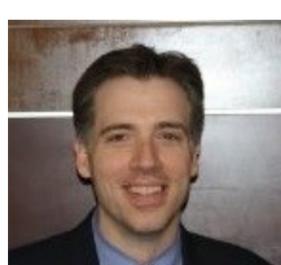
Outside academia, Elizabeth enjoys baking, Victorian literature, and the musical beats of Papadosio and Esperanza Spalding.

Elizabeth will graduate in May 2015 and plans to stay at Purdue to pursue graduate studies in the Department of Political Science.

Meet Matthew Popovich, BA 2001

Matthew Popovich (BA '01) currently works as the Quality Specialist at the American Society of Anesthesiologists in their Washington, DC office. He uses his analytic and communication skills gained from taking political science and history courses at Purdue University to translate complex federal regulation into terms and concepts that are understandable and usable for physicians.

After graduating from Purdue, Popovich received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in History. His dissertation detailed cooperation between federal, state, and local authorities within a developing metropolitan area. In 2010, he applied his research and interpretive skills to a career in the professional association sector.



Dr. Matthew Popovich

A myriad of federal legislation passed in the last decade affect physician performance and interactions with patients. Legislation allows consumers greater access to physician quality data, requires measurement of patient care and implementation of electronic health records, and encourages greater patient involvement in decision-making. With his degree in the social sciences, Popovich is able to conceptualize multiple Medicare regulations and engage members in a way that is beneficial both to anesthesiologists and their patients. His responsibilities also include facilitating member discussions on quality measurement and building coalitions among medical, patient, and legislative interests.

P2P: Developing Future Scholars



Dr. Aaron Hoffman

Paper To Publication (P2P) is a graduate course, created and taught by Dr. Aaron Hoffman, to help graduate students develop seminar papers into articles that are ready to submit for publication.

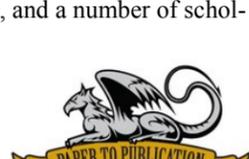
The course is a two part workshop. The first part is a class workshop. It offers a “looking down the road” perspective to the students. Dr. Hoffman and the students evaluate the shape their manuscripts are in, improvements that are required, and then work on honing the ideas, the language, and the format of manuscripts.

The second part of the course is the P2P workshop that brings renowned scholars to campus to make presentations about their work. According to Dr. Hoffman, the goal of this part is to expose students to new and exciting research in political science and to have students hear and see what work in progress looks like.

The Spring semester of 2014 was the first time the course was offered, and it was a major success. Eight graduate students participated in the course, and four scholars presented their new research: Charles Lipson (University of Chicago), Elizabeth Zechmeister (Vanderbilt), Jonathan Hiskey (Vanderbilt), and Shana Gadarian (Syracuse). Additionally, Dr. Hoffman conducted a publishing workshop at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in April 2014, where students from the course met with Rick Wilson (former editor, *American Journal of Political Science*) and Eric Waltenburg (lead editor, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*) to discuss what it takes to get published in these two journals.

Dr. Hoffman is teaching the class again in the Spring 2015 semester. The course includes four advanced graduate students and one outstanding undergraduate, and a number of scholars will be presenting their research, including Vincent Hutchings (University of Michigan) and Christopher Gelpi (Ohio State University).

Dr. Hoffman is thrilled to announce that the first student from the inaugural P2P class, Zuzana Ringlerova, recently had her manuscript accepted by *European Union Politics*! A big thank you to alumni and friends who have generously supported this initiative.



Faculty Presentations

Dr. Pat Boling spoke at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University on October 24, 2014. Her topic was "Work-Family Policies in Japan: Varied Responses to Low Fertility," related to her forthcoming book comparing work-family policies in four countries, *The Politics of Work-Family Policies: Comparing Japan, France, Germany and the United States* (due out March 15, 2015 from Cambridge University Press).

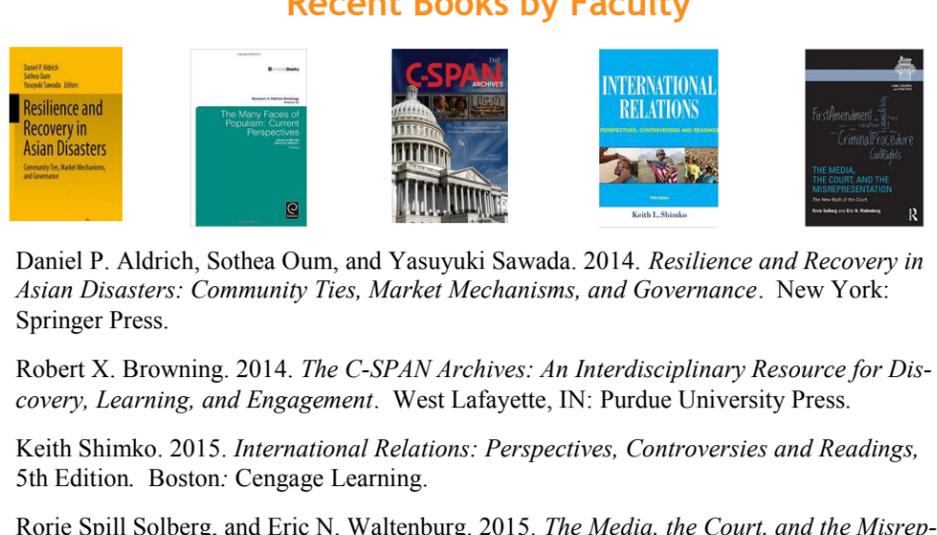


Dr. Pat Boling

Dr. Aaron Hoffman was an invited guest at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism 14th International Conference held from September 8-11, 2014, in Herzliya, Israel. The conference brought together top decision-makers, defense and intelligence officials,

prominent scholars, and security industry leaders from over 60 countries. In a workshop hosted by Ariel Merari, Dr. Hoffman presented his findings that effective counterterrorism has a reassuring effect on people’s security: the more they hear about counterterrorism, the safer they feel.

Recent Books by Faculty



Daniel P. Aldrich, Sothea Oum, and Yasuyuki Sawada. 2014. *Resilience and Recovery in Asian Disasters: Community Ties, Market Mechanisms, and Governance*. New York: Springer Press.

Robert X. Browning. 2014. *The C-SPAN Archives: An Interdisciplinary Resource for Discovery, Learning, and Engagement*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press.

Keith Shimko. 2015. *International Relations: Perspectives, Controversies and Readings*, 5th Edition. Boston: Cengage Learning.

Rorie Spill Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg. 2015. *The Media, the Court, and the Misrepresentation: The New Myth of the Court*. New York: Routledge.

Dwayne Woods, and Barbara Wejnert, eds. 2014. *The Many Faces of Populism: Current Perspectives*, 22 (Research in Political Sociology). UK: Emerald Group.

Recent Undergraduate Achievements

Lola C. and Dolores G. Reinsch Scholarship:

- **Dominique Fry**

First place at Purdue’s Discovery University:

- **Melissa Gokmogol** for her poster “Cleaner Air Beyond California.”

2013-2014 Outstanding Undergraduate Senior Award for Political Science Major:

- **Thomas Payne**

2013-2014 Outstanding Undergraduate Senior in Peace Studies:

- **Joseph L. Hurst, Jr.**

2013-2014 Research Grants:

- **Connor Shearer** under the direction of Jay McCann for “*Mexican-born Immigrants in Indiana and Their Knowledge and Perceptions of American Politics.*”
- **Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard** under the direction of Will McLauchlan for “*Abortion Case Processing Time Proposal.*”