Dear Political Science Alumni,

This is an exciting time to re-connect with the Department of Political Science. In addition to a growing faculty that continues to be at the forefront of political science scholarship, we are proud to have one of the most active Student Advisory Committees on campus. Last year the department’s SAC organized two extraordinarily successful panel events dedicated to timely political issues: the first focused on the crisis in Syria and U.S. Foreign Policy: the second explored the legal, political, and social perspectives on same-sex marriage in Utah and across the U.S. Both events were standing room only! With the upcoming election season, you can expect to find many more thought-provoking public events on campus in the coming months. This year we also anticipate holding several events that will highlight the accomplishments of our department’s alumni and provide social and networking (cont.)
opportunities for current political science students and alumni. If you are interested in taking part in upcoming mentor luncheons, career panel discussions, and other department events, I would love to hear from you: mark.button@poli-sci.utah.edu. Please let us know what you have been doing since your time at the U. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

NOTABLE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jacob Tonks: Hinckley Institute of Politics Internship with Google (Summer - Fall 2014)

Jordan Jochim: Cornell PhD program - Political Theory and Alumni Association Outstanding Senior award

Jordan Roberts: Duke PhD program - International Relations

Angela Parkinson: University of Chicago Divinity School Grad program

Lucy Williams: UCLA PhD/JD program; presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, 2014

Truman Scholars: Ashley Edgette (2013) and Tianna Tu (2014)

ASUU (2013-2014): Senior Class president, Kendahl Melvin and Vice President, Sara Seastrand.

2013-14 installation of new Pi Sigma Alpha members.
NOTABLE FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

You probably know that our faculty publishes numerous articles and book chapters every year that help to advance our understanding of the political world. What you might not know is that we rank among the very best political science departments in the country in book publications. Here is a list of some recent and forthcoming book publications, along with some other notable achievements.

Tabitha Benney’s book *Making Environmental Markets Work* will be published this fall with Routledge Press.

James Curry’s book *Legislating in the Dark: Information and Power in the House of Representatives* will be published this fall by University of Chicago Press.

Edmund Fong’s book *American Exceptionalism and the Remains of Race* will be published this summer with Routledge Press.

Rick Green published several articles on public service and consulted on several studies with the Utah Legislative Auditor General's staff.

Ron Hrebenar’s new book *Party Politics in Japan* will be published by Routledge Press this September. This is Professor Hrebenar’s 17th book.

Ella Myers’ book *Worldly Ethics: Democratic Politics and Care for the World* was published by Duke University Press in 2013. Professor Myers also received two awards this past year: a Faculty Fellow Research Award and the College Superior Teaching Award for 2014.

Howard P. Lehman was promoted to Full Professor. He was also awarded a sabbatical as well as Fulbright Scholar grant. Professor Lehman will lecture and conduct research at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria for spring semester 2015.

Steven Lobell’s co-edited volume *The Political Economy of Regional Peacemaking* is forthcoming with University Michigan Press. Professor Lobell was also a Research Fellow at the Nobel Institute in Oslo, Norway in 2014.

Peri Schwartz-Shea directed the first public symposium sponsored with Betty Glad Memorial Funds: Field Research and US Institutional Review Board Policy on March 20-21. The symposium brought together national and university faculty as well as local participants to discuss the substantive issues of how this national policy affects scholarship in the social sciences and the humanities.

Yanqi Tong’s book *Social Protest in Contemporary China, 2003-2010: Transitional Pains and Regime Legitimacy*, with Shaohua Lei, was published by Routledge Press.

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow...

After more than 40 years of teaching and service at the University of Utah, Professor Ron Hrebenar will be retiring at the end of the fall semester.

Professor Hrebenar has been a cornerstone of this department and a leading scholar in the field of political parties, interest groups, and lobbying. He served as Department Chair for seven years (2000-07) and has fulfilled several distinguished visiting professor positions in Austria, Japan, and Abu Dhabi. He will be greatly missed.
Carrie Humphreys was the recipient of the Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy and presented a paper at the Western Political Science Association on Campaigns & Voting.

Arielle Newman received a Fellowship from The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress 2014-2015 Presidential Fellows Program.

Brent Taylor received the $5,000 AFCEA 2013 Intelligence Graduate Scholarship. He was also elected Mayor of North Ogden in November 2013, and sworn in on January 14, 2014.

GRADUATIONS

Spring 2013
- Shaohua Lei, PhD
- Kristen Doe, MS

Fall 2013
- Laura Shrum, MA
- Douglas Byrd, PhD

Spring 2014
- Jacob Crown, MS
- Oakley Gordon, MS
- Dennis Taggart, MA
- Erin Barrett, MS
- Koji Haraguchi, PhD

Summer 2014
- Mike Howard, PhD

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