

School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – 11-8-2010

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Panel Discussion on Tenure

Several folks from OSU attended a conference for pre-tenured faculty held at Purdue University and would like to share what they learned. They are making a panel presentation on November 19 from 12-1:30 in MU 206. If you have any questions: contact Donna Champeau (<mailto:mddonna.champeau@oregonstate.edu>).

Bong Hits for Jesus

Jim Foster reads from and signs his new book, *Bong Hits for Jesus*, tonight (11/08/10) in the MU Journey Room at 7:00 pm.



Department Info

If you have any announcement for your department or any type of information you would like to share with the rest of the School of Public Policy, please send the info to ryan.alward@oregonstate.edu or mcross@oregonstate.edu. There are a few things pieces of info from you to help make the process smooth.

- 1) Brief description and/or the article in which you would like shared
- 2) Who to contact if people would like more information.
- 3) Needs to be emailed the Friday before the newsletter goes out.

Thanks,
Mecila and Ryan

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David Bernell - 11/18
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Tenure-Track Discussion

A panel discussion on mentoring for tenure-track faculty will be held December 8, from 1-2 pm in MU 208. This event will be helpful for those who either seek to serve as mentors to tenure-track faculty or would like to be mentored through their journey to tenure/promotion. See attachment for more details.

Research Colloquium

Sally Gallagher will be speaking on 11/19 about "Cutting the Melon: Gender Scripts and Social Class in Damascus, Syrian" Fairbanks 304 from 3:45-4:45

Who Rules America

G. William (Bill) Domhoff will speak by way of video conference this Friday, November 19 at 2:00 PM in 102 Owen Hall. This event is sponsored by the School of Public Policy and is open to the public. This is a unique opportunity to hear Professor Domhoff speak and ask him questions about Who Rules America? If you have not read his influential book, Who Rules America (or even if you have), consider visiting the

book's [official website](#) where you will find lots of data about power and politics in the United States. Then come and join the conversation this Friday.

G. William Domhoff is Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Sociology at the University of California-Santa Cruz. He is best known for his book Who Rules America? The first edition was published in 1967 and was a best seller. The fifth edition of Who Rules America, complete with information about the Obama administration, was published earlier this year.

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NY Times Magazine

Sally Gallagher's research on relationships among evangelical Christians was cited in last week's NY Times Magazine. You can read the whole story at:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/14/magazine/14evangelicals-t.html?hp>

Economics

Congratulations

Join us in congratulating Lisa Dukes and Laura Relyea for recent promotions through reclassifications. They both sailed through with flying colors – we knew they were providing superlative service and it's great that they will be recognized!

Political Science

American Political Science Review

Andrew Valls' article, "A Liberal Defense of Black Nationalism" appeared in the August issue of the American Political Science Review, the premier journal of the discipline of political science. You can check it out at [A Liberal Defense of Black Nationalism](#).

Welcome Back!

Welcome back Brent Steel! Brent just returned from Humboldt University of Berlin, where he was invited to deliver the W.E.B. DuBois lecture. His talk, "Culture, Technology and Civil Society: The Changing Role of American Youth," was based on recent data collected from the nonprofit voter education organization Project Vote Smart.

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Notes from the Chairs and Directors Meeting

November 23, 2010

1. The English Department presented their reorganization plan for a School of Writing, Literature, and Film. Their focus is "writing, analysis, reception of texts." At this point, they are thinking about reorganization within the English department only and the process is continuing. Let me know if you have any questions.
2. We had a long conversation with Marty Fisk and Bruce Rettig from the Graduate School. There are many changes being made to the way the Grad School operates with some effect on our students. I've attached all the documents provided for review, but a few highlights include:
 - a. Low grade reports will be distributed as a list only to the program instead of the students; they are probably going to phase this out all together so we will be responsible for running our own Banner queries for students.
 - b. For Master's Degrees, no longer is a

program of study due early in the program; instead the program of study must be submitted to the Grad School 15 weeks before the final exam. For many MPP students, that will be in January of their second year. This change puts a lot of responsibility on the Major Advisor who must make sure that the Program meets all the requirements. There are lots of instructions on the back of the Program form. We can have different requirements for our programs. For example, Dave Bernell is still asking that MAIS students send him their programs by the end of the second term so he can check to make sure they have a robust program.

- c. A transfer of credit form for courses taken at other universities is being rolled out (see attached file). The grad school will still "approve" classes as grad-level, our programs have to set program eligibility.
- d. Slash courses are indicated in the online catalog so that they can easily be checked by students (see attached file).
- e. There are new degree flow charts to reflect the changes.

f. Brent and the Executive Council will let us know how the MPP will be implementing any changes. Dave will let us know how the MAIS will be implementing any changes.

For more information please see the attachment.