

PPOL Students and Faculty:

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1--Who's going to NCPA?

Each year, we encourage PPOL students to attend the North Carolina Political Science Association meeting. This is a relative small conference and very student friendly, usually lasting only one day. PPOL picks up the costs of registration for students going to present. In addition, we also arrange for transportation by carpooling in a university van.

Several of you indicated that you are attending this year. Please let me know if you are going. I will be arranging a university van that we will take over for the conference early the morning of Friday, February 24th, and returning that evening. But I need a head count to know how big a van to reserve.

2--New PPOL Librarian

My name is Lois Stickell and I am your library liaison following Frada Mozenter's retirement. Please contact me with any questions you have about the library or if you would like me to speak to your classes about using library resources. I have been the History liaison for several years so I am very familiar with the library. I am also the Government Documents librarian.

As you may know, the library is currently conducting a search for a new Social Sciences librarian, but I look forward to serving you in the interim.

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3--Summer Course Opportunity

PPOL 8000 Topics: Social Network Analysis
Dr. Debbie Strumsky
May 21-August 10 (10-Week Summer Session)
M-W-F 3:00-4:30
McEniry 401

Social Network Analysis (SNA) is an analytic technique that is gaining rapid popularity in many fields, including business, IT, communications, policy, sociology, political science, psychology and others, due to the applicability of the technique to any situation involving interconnections of people. Social networks on the Internet, in business clusters, in neighborhood associations, and numerous other areas lend themselves well to this technique. While SNA has been around for years, its popularity has increased in recent years due to software advances. SNA is actually a set of methods for the systematic study of social structures, whether they are people, companies, communities, markets or politically defined entities. The goal of this course is to allow researchers to define, construct and analyze social networks, and, subsequently, conduct comparative social network analysis exploring how alternative network structures are related to various socioeconomic outcomes. The use of SNA is now appearing in journals across almost all research fields in the social sciences, but also in many of the natural sciences as well.

This course counts towards the advanced statistics elective requirement for the PPOL program.

4--Dr. John Aldritch Coming to UNCC (Jan. 26-27)

Pfizer-Pratt University Professor of Political Science at Duke University, Dr. John Aldritch, will be in Charlotte to give two talks that will be of interest to PPOL students.

The first will be first address of the Forty Niner Democracy Experience Speakers' Series and is entitled "Why we nominate our presidents in this odd way and how it works."

This will be 7 p.m. on Thursday January 26 in the Auditorium of our Center City building, 320 E. 9th St. Parking is at 707 N. Brevard Street at \$4 per car (exact change only) or other uptown parking facilities.

The second talk will be a brown bag discussion the next day (Friday, January 27) from noon until 1:30 in Fretwell 406.

Aldrich is author of 18 books on American elections including the classic *Why Parties?*, *Before the Convention*, and *Change and Continuity in the 2008 and 2010 Elections*.

The Forty Niner Democracy Experience engages students and the Charlotte community to understand our role in the 2012 presidential election and the policy choices at stake.

5--Lecture By Former U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell (Feb. 1st)

Global diplomat, peace negotiator and leadership expert George Mitchell will address the "Middle East Peace Process" at UNC Charlotte Center City on Wednesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. You and a guest are invited to this free event, which will be followed by a dessert reception. Reservations are required by emailing CLAS-Event@uncc.edu or by calling 704-687-0085. Seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking will be provided.

Mitchell is former U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace and former U.S. Senate Majority Leader. He has been called on by presidents, prime ministers and corporate and sports leaders to handle the delicate issues of peace negotiation, conflict resolution or independent, high-profile commissions. In 2008, TIME magazine named him one of the 100 most influential persons in the world. UNC Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is hosting this event. More information is available at <http://clas.uncc.edu>.

6--Campus Presentation on the Holocaust (Feb. 6th)

Visiting scholar Dr. Eric C. Steinhart
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

Lecture and discussion: "Soviet Collaborators and the Holocaust in Ukraine"

Dr. Steinhart earned his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2010, and is a Research Scholar at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in Washington, D.C.

His dissertation, "Creating Killers: The Nazification of the Black Sea Germans and the Holocaust in Southern Ukraine, 1941-1944," received the prestigious Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize from the German Historical Institute in 2011.

Monday, February 6
6:00 – 7:30 pm
UNC Charlotte campus
College of Health & Human Services Bldg. (CHHS), room 281

7--Game Theory Opportunity

Many of you were unable to take the Game Theory course we offered this semester. However, if you are interested in learning more about Game Theory, two professors from Stanford University are offering an online course on the subject (but for credit, but it is for free). The course begins in late February and is asynchronous.

If you are interested in learning more about game theory, feel free to sign up. Go to:

<http://www.game-theory-class.org/>

8--Summer Workshop Scholarships (Due February 1)

An Opportunity to Attend ICPSR and EITM Tuition-Free

Over the past decade, hundreds of graduate students in political science have participated in EITM summer institutes. These institutes are held at universities across the country, and improve participants' ability to address a wide range of important research questions.

Participants emerge from EITM summer institutes better able to leverage interactions between theoretical models that clarify relevant logical relationships and empirical endeavors that clarify critical implications of observation and data. To expand the pool of students who can benefit from what EITM has to offer, the *EITM Certification Scholarships* provide funds for students to attend classes at the ICPSR Summer Program. An *EITM Certification Scholarship* is not required to attend an EITM Institute, instead it is a completely new way to benefit from EITM.

Scholarships are a key part of the new program. Every year, EITM will select a minimum of five students to receive *EITM Certification Scholarships*. Each scholarship will cover tuition for up to two four-week sessions of the next ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan. For scholarship winners who take two ICPSR classes per session, the scholarship will cover tuition for four ICPSR classes.

Additional information and application information are available online at:
<http://www.eitminstitute.org/scholarship.html>

9--Student and Faculty News

PPOL Student Holly Whisman successfully passed her comprehensive exams last week and now advances to the dissertation stage. Holly also will be starting a new position working with Mecklenburg County this week.

10--Research Opportunity (Due Jan. 30)

RTI's 2012 Research Challenge

Have you ever had a great research hypothesis but lacked the data to test it? If so, The 2012 Research Challenge is a great opportunity for you to get those data.

To participate, amateur or professional researchers or research teams can submit a set of up to 10 survey questions for an upcoming in-person survey of Chicagoans. The "winning" submission(s) will be included in the in-person survey, and the winning researcher or team will

receive the response data to their questions along with demographic data, and the first rights to publish results of their survey findings.

Participation is easy. In order to enter, all you need to do is send us:

- * Up to 10 survey questions,
- * A short synopsis of your research idea (2 pages or less), and
- * A short biography of yourself (200 words or less)

Our judges will pick up to 12 winners, and those researchers will get to have their survey questions included in our study.

This contest is open to individuals and small teams (five or fewer people). Teams may include anyone from senior scientists to working professionals to students. Organizations may not submit entries, but individuals or teams from organizations may. Only one entry is allowed per person or team, and a person may only be part of one team.

For full contest rules and information on how to submit an entry, please visit <http://www.rti.org/researchchallenge> <<http://www.rti.org/researchchallenge>> . This opportunity is a research challenge conducted by RTI International.

11--Two Post-Doctoral Opportunities at Brown University

The Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions at Brown University seeks to fill two postdoctoral positions in Public Policy. Appointment will be for one year, starting July 1, 2012, with the possibility of renewal. Each of the Fellows will teach half-time (one seminar per semester) and conduct research half-time. We are looking for Fellows with expertise in one of the Center's program areas: urban policy, education policy, law and public policy, health policy, and social welfare policy. Candidates whose research combines any of these policy areas with survey research methods will be given special consideration. Candidates for the position should have Ph.D. in hand by July 2012 and should show promise of significant scholarship and teaching ability. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a copy of a publication or paper, three letters of recommendation, and a sample syllabus.

We will begin reviewing applications on March 1, 2012 and will continue considering them until the positions are filled. Brown is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, and women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send all application materials by email to TaubmanSearch@brown.edu.

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Additional information is available at:

http://www.publicservicecareers.org/?pageid=616&site_id=631&jb=9470575

12--Post-Doctoral Opportunity at Emory University

The Emory University department of political science is hiring a post-doctoral fellow in quantitative methods for the 2012-2013 academic year. The fellow will teach one graduate statistics course, and one undergraduate research design and statistics course. The fellow will have the opportunity to interact with the Emory methodology community both within and outside the political science department. Applicants should have their Ph.D.s in hand by August 2012. Applicants should submit a curriculum vita, cover letter, statement of teaching interests and experiences, teaching evaluations, a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to Methodology Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Questions about the fellowship can be sent to Dr. Dan Reiter at dreiter@emory.edu. The department will start reviewing application files on February 15. Emory is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmation Action Employer.

Please feel free to email either me (dlinzer@emory.edu) or Justin Esarey (jesarey@emory.edu) with any questions about the position.

13--Jobs

Good Morning Friends,

Please help us get word out that the Evaluation Team at the Friday Institute (NCSU) is in the process of posting a few new full-time positions.

Right now, we have a position posted for a Research Scholar (recent Ph.D./post doc) to provide leadership for multiple evaluation projects of educational innovations in K-12 schools in NC, including the evaluation of initiatives funded by the state's Race to the Top grant. Job description and online NCSU application are available from <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/2663>. We plan to post additional, similar positions in short order.

After these positions are filled, we will then likely post two Masters-level research positions.

Please pass this information along to anyone you think might be a good fit for our team. Thanks in advance.

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University of North Texas
College of Public Affairs and Community Service

The University of North Texas seeks an accomplished research leader (assistant, associate, or full professor) with the ability to organize and consolidate social and behavioral science researchers whose work applies to veterans. Research areas may include, but not limited to, veteran service delivery, veterans' health, posttraumatic stress, traumatic brain injury and other combat injuries and disabilities, family and community reintegration, education, criminality and victimization, addiction, and public policy formulation.

UNT is a public research university located in Denton, Texas, 35 miles north of Dallas and Fort Worth. One of Texas' largest universities with about 36,000 students, UNT offers 97 bachelors, 88 masters, and 40 doctoral degree programs.

All applicants must apply on-line at <http://facultyjobs.unt.edu> . Review of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the search is closed. The University of North Texas is an AA/ADA/EOE committed to diversity in its educational programs.

The successful applicant will be responsible for fostering and contributing to visionary cross-disciplinary research among departments in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. Department appointment will be in the college and dependent on the candidate's discipline and specific area of research. Teaching load is negotiable and commensurate with an overall emphasis on research productivity. This position represents an opportunity to play a critical role in enhancing UNT's reputation as the best school for veterans in Texas and the sixth best school for veterans in the country (*Military Times* EDGE, 2010).

The appointment may begin as early as Fall 2012.

Candidates must have a doctoral degree from one of the disciplines in the college or a related social or behavioral science discipline and an active record of scholarship in a veteran-focused area as demonstrated through externally funded research and publications. The ideal candidate will have a record of externally-funded interdisciplinary collaboration focused on veteran's research. He or she will also have a demonstrated ability to internally organize and consolidate researchers.

Compensation is competitive and commensurate with rank and record.

Eastern Kentucky University Department of Government

The Department of Government at Eastern Kentucky University seeks a tenure-track Senior Assistant or Associate Professor with expertise in public administration to serve as Director of its NASPAA-accredited Master of Public Administration Program, beginning August 15, 2013. The Department also houses undergraduate majors in Political Science and Paralegal Science, a post-baccalaureate certificate in Paralegal Science, and the Institute for Public Governance and Civic Engagement. Ph.D. required in political science, public administration, or a related public service field, from a regionally accredited institution, and at least three years' teaching experience. Salary and rank competitive and commensurate with qualifications. Tenure status negotiable. Field of specialty in public administration open. Expertise in policy analysis, research methods, or non-profit management will complement current faculty coverage particularly well. Desirable prior experience may include public or nonprofit management, development and administration of grants, on-line instruction, and participation in NASPAA accreditation and assessment. All applicants must apply at jobs.eku.edu (search requisition # 0609791)

All offers of employment are contingent on completion of a satisfactory background check. Eastern Kentucky University is an EEO/AA institution that values diversity in its faculty, staff, and student body. In keeping with this commitment, the University welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.

More information at: http://www.publicservicecareers.org/?pageid=616&site_id=631