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1--Schedule Changes

We have made two changes to the spring schedule.

As noted in a previous Going Concerns, we had more courses available this term than students to fill them. We have had to cancel two courses:

PPOL 8000-003 Identification Problems in Research (Brame)
PPOL 8611-090 Metropolitan Governance (Swindell)

Second, given the large number of students in the PPOL 8602 Research Design class, we have added a second section. We will be contacting the currently registered students and having half of them move to the other section. Both sections will be offered at the same day and time (Wednesdays 6:00). So there will be no disruption to any students' schedules.

2--Registration Payment Reminder

Spring 2011 Payment and Cancellation Policy

First: Payment Due Date/Cancellation for non-payment January 5 @ 11:59 P.M.
(Full payment due for all charges incurred on or before this date)

Second: Payment Due Date/Cancellation for non-payment January 20 @ 11:59 P.M.
(Full payment due for all charges incurred after January 5)

Class schedules for students who have not made full payment as defined below will be cancelled after each payment due date.

Full payment is defined as:

- Payment in full of tuition, fees, and charges
- Payment of the difference between tuition, fees, and charges and offered/accepted financial aid
- Enrollment in a UNC Charlotte payment plan that will pay tuition, fees, and charges in full

3--Important Dates for PPOL Students

First day of classes January 10, 2011

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - University Closed January 17, 2011

Deadline for graduate students to file candidacy forms for May 2011 degree January 20, 2011

Deadline to apply for May 2011 graduation * January 31, 2011

Spring Break - No Classes March 7-12, 2011

Last day to submit graduate dissertation to the Graduate School for May 2011 degree March 16, 2011

Last day to withdraw from a course with a 'W' grade * March 21, 2011

Spring Recess - No Classes April 22-23, 2011

Last day of classes May 3, 2011

Reading Day May 4, 2011

Final Examinations May 5-6, 2011

Commencement May 14, 2011

4--Mexican Revolution Lecture

**A SCHOLAR'S FORUM at the
Charlotte Museum of History:**

The centennial of the Mexican revolution

JANUARY 11, 2011: 7:00-8:30 pm

Lecture by

Jurgen Buchenau, *Professor and Chair of the Department of History*, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The presentation will provide an overview of the Mexican Revolution of 1910, in commemoration of its centennial on November 20 of this year. At a cost of more than a million lives, the revolution not only overthrew an entrenched dictatorship; it also contributed to the modernization of Mexico and the establishment of a new political and economic system dominated by one party until the

turn of the twentieth century. The revolution also produced powerful myths and personality cults, and, most importantly, those of Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata. We will discuss these myths and place them in the context of the construction of a powerful state that claimed the loyalty of its citizens by means of representing itself as the natural heir of the Mexican Revolution.

Admission:

Event is **free** for museum members; \$5 for non-members.

RSVP to programs@charlottemuseum.org

or call 704.568.1774

www.charlottemuseum.org

5--American Sociological Association Annual Conference

Submissions Due January 13th

The American Sociological Association (ASA) will hold its 106th Annual Meeting August 20-23, 2011, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. PPOL students are encouraged to participate in this large conference as a good platform for sharing their research with thousands of scholars around the world.

Details on this year's theme and specific subject areas, as well as how to submit proposals, are available at the link below:

http://www.asanet.org/meetings/Call_for_Papers.cfm

6--2011 Graduate Research Fair – Call for Abstracts!

This year's graduate research fair will be held on February 26th. The GPSG is working to make this year's fair more structured and interdisciplinary than ever before. All sessions will be held in Atkins Library. Please encourage your students to **submit abstracts of their research by January 14th**. Students can find out more at the Graduate Research Fair web site:

<http://gpsg.uncc.edu/GradResearchFair/>

7--Visiting Scholar CJUS Speaker: Dr. Paul Gendreau

CJUS is hosting a visiting scholar this Spring semester. His name is Dr. Paul Gendreau and he is well known in the correctional field. He is giving a talk on the futility of significance testing on Friday January 14th at 11:00 in Colvard 5091.

Dr. Gendreau is a native of Winnipeg, MB and was raised in Ottawa, Ont. He began working at Kingston Penitentiary, Ont. in 1961 and did his graduate work at the University of Ottawa & Queens University. He was assistant professor at Trent University, Peterborough, Ont. from 1968-

1972 & then from 1972- 1986 he worked in Ontario corrections as a Chief Psychologist with appointments at Carleton University & the University of Ottawa. During this latter period, he was seconded to the offices of Prime Ministers Manley and Lange in Jamaica and New Zealand respectively to work on corrections projects as well as advising on various projects in the USA & Canada. From 1986-1990 he was Director of Research at Centracare Inc, Saint John, NB & from 1990-2005 he was professor & subsequently University Research Professor at the University of New Brunswick at Saint John . During this period he was a visiting scholar at Edith Cowan (2000) & Griffith (2004) universities in Australia and the University of Cincinnati (1996-1997;2007-2008). Presently, he is Professor Emeritus at UNB.

He is a former President of the Canadian Psychological Association & received the Distinguished Contributions in Applied Psychology & the Career Contribution award from the organization. He received the Hildreth award from Division 18 from the American Psychological Association for his contributions to Public Service Psychology, the Margaret Mead Award for “contributions to social justice” from the International Community & Corrections Association & the Don Andrews lecture series Award from Correctional Service Canada (CSC).

In 2007 he received the highest honor applicable to a citizen of Canada when he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada “for achievement and merit of a high degree, especially service to Canada or to humanity at large”.

He has published extensively on “what works” in the assessment and treatment of offenders [also see the CPAI-2000 which has been widely used to evaluate offender treatment programs], program implementation, the effects of prison life, and the use of statistics for the purposes of knowledge cumulation.

8--Brown Bag SOCY Speaker: Dr. Nan Lin

I am very happy to announce that the first guest speaker visiting campus for the 2011 lecture series in Sociology will be Dr. Nan Lin who is one of the national leaders in research on social capital. PPOL students with an interest in social capital are particularly encouraged to attend.

He will be visiting campus **Friday, January 14th** for the Distinguished Lecture Series convening at **11:00 AM in the Sociology Department Conference Room, Fretwell 480C.**

His talk is titled, ***“Social Capital: Theory and Research”***

Nan Lin is a professor of sociology and the Oscar L. Tang Family Professor of Sociology of the Trinity College at Duke University. He received his doctorate degree at Michigan State University and previously taught at Johns Hopkins University and the State University of New York at Albany. His academic interests, for more than four decades, have focused on social networks, social support and social capital.

For the past twenty years, he has made a concerted effort to establish a research paradigm on social capital. He is currently working on four research programs about China including one on social capital in organizations in China.

He has received several honors and awards including the 2010 Distinguished Research Contribution Award from the International Association for Chinese Management Research. He is

an academican at the Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and a past Vice President of the American Sociological Association.

9--Engineering Sustainability and Justice Lecture

Wednesday, January 19th, 2011

PUBLIC LECTURE

4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Cone 210

“Engineering Sustainability and Justice”

Speaker: Rachele Hollander, PhD, Director, Center Engineering, Ethics, and Society,
National Academy of Engineering, Adjunct Research Scholar,
Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy,
University of Maryland, College Park

Co-Sponsors: ADVANCE and William States Lee College of Engineering

RSVP Requested:

Please **RSVP by January 12, 2011**. To RSVP, email: ethicscenter@uncc.edu

(please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)

10--Conference Announcement: Design Issues in Longitudinal and Repeated Cross-Sectional Surveys

The Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology (DISM) is pleased to announce that it will be holding an NSF-funded conference entitled? Workshop on Questionnaire Design Issues in Longitudinal and Repeated Cross-Sectional Surveys: Balancing Continuity and Innovation.? The conference will be held on February 17-18, 2011, at the Social Science Research Institute on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

This conference deals with several key questions, including: When should survey investigators consider making changes to a longitudinal or repeated cross-sectional survey? How should potential changes be pretested and evaluated? How should survey user communities be integrated into the process of soliciting and evaluating survey changes? These are important questions for large scale academic, government, and commercial surveys, and this conference aims to start a serious conversation on these issues that will guide investigators in future iterations of their surveys. Presenters will include a number of noted scholars in survey methodology research, several lead investigators on academic surveys such as the American National Election Study and the General Social Survey, and representatives from the US Census and commercial survey vendors.

We are especially pleased that we will be able to fund travel and lodging for as many as 10 graduate students interested in attending the conference. These grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. We will consider applications from any interested graduate students from any discipline, though we particularly welcome applications from those who identify with minority groups traditionally underrepresented in the survey research field. Interested parties can find the application online at http://dukessri.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_55QtDMmOfRPQ2JS and are asked to submit a brief essay of 250-500 words describing why they would benefit professionally from attending the conference. **Applications are due by January 14, 2011.** We encourage any faculty who know students who might benefit from attending this conference to urge them to apply.

There is no registration cost for this conference and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Due to limited meeting space, though, we ask that anyone desiring to attend the conference **RSVP by January 31, 2011**. Anyone who is not applying for the graduate student grant can register online at http://dukessri.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07HjnV8CvbSrAuo.

DISM was founded in July 2010 by Dr. D. Sunshine Hillygus of the Duke University Political Science Department. Part of its mission is to facilitate dialogue such as this conference between the academic, government, and commercial survey research communities. For more information about DISM, please visit our website: <http://dism.ssri.duke.edu>.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the conference to Patrick R. Miller, Post-Doctoral Survey Research Associate at DISM (patrick.miller@duke.edu; 919-681-4981). We hope to see you in February in Durham!

11--Academy of Management Doctoral Student Consortium

We are writing to let you know about an interesting professional development opportunity for any of your doctoral students with an interest in public or non-profit management. Each year the Public and Nonprofit (PNP) Division of the Academy of Management (AoM) sponsors a professional development "consortium" for doctoral students at the annual AoM conference. These consortia have been a PNP tradition for nearly three decades. The PhD Consortium is an unparalleled opportunity for your students to (a) get tips on finding an academic job; (b) present existing research or a proposal and obtain feedback from senior scholars; and (c) network among peers, future colleagues, and potential employers.

This year, the AoM is meeting in San Antonio, Texas on **August 12-16, 2011**. The PhD Consortium unfolds on **Saturday, August 13**. Students accepted to participate in the Consortium must register for the conference. However, there is no additional charge to participate in the Doctoral Consortium. Slots in the Consortium are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. A sponsored lunch and will be provided as part of the Consortium.

This email is an advance call for participation so that students may be listed in the AoM Meeting program as participants. If you have students that are interested, please have them submit a short (one to three pages) synopsis of a dissertation topic or a potential research project that could be shaped into a dissertation to the PNP Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs by **February 18, 2011 by 5:00pm ET**. The doctoral consortium is most beneficial for advanced doctoral students who have already made progress towards the dissertation or dissertation proposal. As part of the

Doctoral Consortium, students will have an opportunity to present their research proposals or current projects to faculty members in the field. To submit a proposal, students may e-mail an abstract to both of the PNP Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs using the e-mail addresses below.

Deneen Hatmaker deneen.hatmaker@uconn.edu
Amy E. Smith amye.smith@umb.edu

If accepted, submitting an abstract to the Doctoral Consortium Co-Chairs by February 18th will ensure that the student's name appears in the conference program as a participant in the Doctoral Consortium.

Enclosed with this message is an advanced call for participation that may be posted in hard copy. Please feel free to forward this message or the attached materials to anyone who might be interested. If you have any questions, please contact Deneen Hatmaker or myself. Our phone numbers and e-mails are listed below.

Thank you,

Deneen Hatmaker
Amy E. Smith

12--EITM 2011 Summer Institute, University of Chicago

The Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago is seeking applications for the 2011 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), this program trains graduate students and junior faculty in EITM, a research strategy that integrates theoretical models and empirical research to improve and expand our understanding of politics. The institute will incorporate developments and findings from throughout political science, including the substantive areas of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy.

This summer's institute will accept advanced graduate students and junior faculty through a competitive selection process. There are no fees or tuition. Dormitory lodging, meals and domestic travel expenses will be provided for participants through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Please visit the 2011 EITM website for applications and additional information on instruction design, participating faculty, and an overview of curriculum. The website can be found at <http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Blogs/EITM/>

Applications for the program are due via email to eitm@uchicago.edu on March 1, 2011.

13--Summer Teaching Fellowships

Once again, the university will be running the second piloting of the new Summer Teaching Fellowship program. This is a great opportunity for doctoral students interested in going into academia to get training in teaching and having the opportunity to teach a course of their own as part of their training for a future career as a professor. These fellowships provide summer support for students.

We are still working on the changes to the program from last summer, but one rule that has already been put into place is that those who received a fellowship last summer will not be eligible this coming summer.

As we finalize the guidelines for this summer's applications, I will keep you updated.

14--Summer Funding Opportunities

The [Eben Tisdale Fellowship](#), which includes a \$5,000 grant, is a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students where the high-tech sector meets the government. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues with hands-on experience in Washington, D.C. Tisdale Fellowships are open to students from colleges and universities all over the country.

The **Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship**, which includes one \$5,000 grant for one student each year, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship.

The application for both of these Fellowships is the same, except that those applying for the Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship should include an additional essay on diversity and ethics.

The Fellowship has two main elements:

(1) Internship: Fellows participate in an eight-week internship in the government relations office of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as **Dell**, **Hewlett-Packard**, **Philips Electronics** and **Monster Worldwide**, as well as associations such as the [Business Software Alliance](#) or [TechAmerica](#).

(2) Issues Seminar: The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy.

The Summer 2011 Fellowship runs from June 13th – August 5th, 2011. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. The Final deadline for all applications is **February 15, 2011**.

Students may find more information and apply at www.tisdalefellowship.org. Questions? Contact Jonathan Tilley at info@tisdalefellowship.org or 202/986-0384.

15--Jobs

Social Science Research Solutions Project Director

Social Science Research Solutions/SSRS has an immediate need for a project director. Appropriate experience (1-4 years in survey research) or an advanced degree in the social sciences is preferred; however, highly qualified college graduates will be considered. Project Directors work under the supervision of Research Directors and have responsibilities in all stages of project execution, including questionnaire design, review, and formatting, sampling oversight, testing instruments, managing the project during the field, and designing and providing final deliverables to clients. Complete attention to detail and the ability to generate mistake-free work is most critical. The ideal candidate is a self-starter who is computer savvy, detail oriented, and capable of working in a fast-paced environment. An interest in issues in survey research and the desire to publish within the survey research field is a plus. Candidate would be in a position for career advancement, based on merit.

SSRS conducts studies for a wide range of academic and non-profit partners, with foci on health and education research, Jewish, Hispanic, and other demographic research, and a long track record of producing high-quality survey research, typically of hard-to-reach populations and using dual-frame and other complex sampling designs.

Interested candidates should contact David Dutwin via e-mail at ddutwin@ssrs.com.

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The Polling Company Project Manager

the polling company(tm), inc., a full-service market research firm headquartered in Washington DC, is looking to hire a project manager.

The firm specializes in quantitative and qualitative research and analysis, and provides strategic counsel for a diverse portfolio of clients in the political, corporate, legal, public affairs, and not-for-profit and media sectors.

Job Description: The employee will be involved in all stages of project development and execution, and the position entails the following components:

- (1) management and oversight of current and future projects;
- (2) development of original proposals, research program design, sample and questionnaire construction, data analysis, and report writing for quantitative and qualitative research;
- (3) direction of focus groups and other qualitative research exercises
- (4) communication with sample providers, field houses, and other vendors as needed to conduct quantitative research projects;
- (5) supervision of 1-3 members of the research staff;
- (6) maintenance of existing clients relations to ensure that current client's research objectives are being fully achieved and cultivating new clientele; and
- (7) experience with federal government contracting a plus.

The position will be responsible for updating and taking direction from the President and CEO on the progress of all projects.

Qualifications: Applicants should have 3+ years experience in the survey research field, be able to manage several tasks at the same time, and willing to work in a small group environment. The applicant must have a strong methodological background and advanced knowledge of various research methods as well as extensive knowledge of SPSS, MS Word, Excel and Internet applications. Though the company has a wide range of clients, the candidate must have an interest in politics and must be comfortable working with ideologically-conservative clients.

Candidate must be willing to work in a fast-paced office and willing to work nights and weekends when necessary. Strong writing skills, command of the English language, and statistical knowledge is a must. Candidate must have Bachelor's Degree and higher education a plus. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

Please send cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and references to Kellyanne Conway at info@pollingcompany.com or fax them to (202) 467-6551. No phone inquiries please. For more information about the polling company(tm), inc., please access our website at www.pollingcompany.com.

Eastern Michigan University

Associate Professor, Public Administration

The Department of Political Science at Eastern Michigan University invites applications for a position in Public Administration, beginning August 2011. The successful candidate will have the experience and credentials to become director of our NASPAA-accredited MPA program no later than fall 2012.

Candidates must have their graduate degrees in Public Administration, Public Policy, Political Science, or other relevant fields. They should also demonstrate a strong commitment to both teaching and research, and have relevant administrative and leadership experience. The area of specialization is open. Appointment will be made at the level of associate professor or senior assistant professor.

In addition to the leadership role referred to above, responsibilities include teaching courses in the department's undergraduate public administration major, our NASPAA-accredited Master of Public Administration program (on our main campus in Ypsilanti and an off-site campus in nearby Livonia, Michigan), and several graduate certificate programs. Service to the larger public and nonprofit communities in southeastern Michigan will also be expected.

Review of applications will begin in January 2011, and the position will remain open until filled. A complete application should include curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, at least three current letters of reference, and samples of scholarship, course syllabi, and student evaluations.

All application materials should be forwarded to:
Posting (Position FA1127E)
Academic Human Resources, 202 Boone Hall
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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