

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Amos does research in the sub field of election science with a focus on how geography affects the operation of elections. One of his major projects is the Voting and Election Science Team, which collects and digitizes election result maps for use in scholarship, media, and litigation; and he has a broad interest in the shape of precinct and district boundaries and their impact on voter behavior. Prof. Amos has also used these detailed election data to explore the Kansas political landscape, notably in a paper co-authored with Prof. Middlewood on last summer's abortion amendment and the behavior of voters before and after the election.

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IN MEMORIAM

Memorial contributions to the Melvin A. Kahn and Joan Gleeson
Scholarship and Kenneth N. Ciboski Scholarship can be made

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DR. MELVIN A. KAHN

Mel Kahn had a long and impactful career, receiving many accolades. These include: the WSU Mortar Board Teaching Recognition Award (2012), the WSU Academy of Excellence Teaching Award (2007), the Carnegie Foundation Kansas

Professor of the Year (1989), the WSU Regents' Award for Excellence in Teaching (1982) and the John M. Barrier Award for distinguished teaching in the humanities and social sciences. He was known for dressing up and portraying Alexander Hamilton, Plato and John Locke to bring history alive to his students. Kahn said "My real model is the quote from Aristotle, 'the mind is a re to be lit and not a vessel to be lled.' You want to stretch students' minds and inspire them to go out and see on their own." His publications include: The Politics



NEW YORK

19 students represented
Bulgaria in April 2023.
We got to meet with the
Bulgarian ambassador!

CHICAGO

26 students represented
Vietnam and China at the
American Model United
Nations conference in
November 2022.

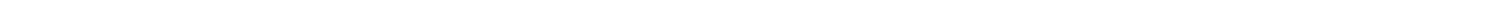
SCOTLAND

Seven students
represented Nigeria,
the United Kingdom,
Ireland and Russia in
March 2023.

D.C./TOPEKA INTERNSHIPS

Andrew Hoopes & Dr. Neal Allen in Washington, D.C.

Julian Pando in Washington, D.C.



N H plans to graduate in December 2023 with a major in political science and a minor in history. Her growing interest in international politics and US foreign policy during high school, particularly in the Middle East, led her to become a political science major. She shares that she has really enjoyed Professor Michael Hall's courses and the fun group activities and discussions he incorporates. She also liked her unique, virtual Model UN experience despite not being face-to-face.

Neily Hassan

Kathlien Edmiston enrolled at the Wichita University after graduating from Wichita High School (now Wichita East) in the late 1920's. She was president of her sorority, Sorosis, now Delta Delta Delta, and vice president of her senior class. She met her husband, E.K. Edmiston, at a school dance. Upon graduation in 1933, she began over decades of community work, focusing on WU and politics. Kathlien served on the WU Board of Regents, chaired the board in 1956-57, and later on the WSU Board of Trustees. She lobbied for inclusion into the state system in the early 1960s. She received the Alumni Recognition Award in 1967. She chaired or worked on many local, state and national Republican campaigns. In 1985, Kathlien filled an unexpired term on the Wichita City Commission and served briefly as mayor of Wichita.

Robert N. and Priscilla Partridge Scholarship

A H plans to graduate in 2025 with a political science degree. He decided on political science because he is interested in becoming a lawyer and has a passion for politics. His dream law school would be Stanford University. His favorite class so far has been Immigration Policy and Politics.

Andrew Hatch

As a child, Robert Partridge would attend court proceedings after school. "I'd get to listen to trials and be inspired by what the lawyers were doing and saying," he said. "There was never a time in which I did not want to be a lawyer." Partridge joined the Army at the beginning of World War II and soon after saw action in the European Theatre. Serving in the 104th Infantry's

Timberwolf Division, Partridge fought back the Wehrmacht offensive during the Battle of the Bulge. For his efforts, he received the Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre. Following the war, Partridge obtained his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Wichita. After graduating from Washburn Law School, he married Priscilla Barron. Partridge partnered with Foulston-Siefkin and performed numerous community functions while living in Wichita. Among other public involvement, the past president of the Wichita Bar Association served more than a decade as director, president and member of the advisory board for the Wichita Area Girl Scouts Council where he was recipient of the highest volunteer award, the Ruth Robertson Award. In addition to serving their community, Robert and Priscilla felt strongly about education. Through the establishment of their scholarship, they've helped a number of students reach their academic goals.

D. J. and Terry Scanlon Scholarship

Na'Khiya Sanders

The late Terry Scanlon was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and raised in Dorado, Kansas. A graduate of Wichita University in 1956 with a degree in political science, he began an 11-year career with the City of Wichita as an administrative assistant in the water department and executive assistant to the city manager. Captivated by politics, he was involved with the Young Democrats at WU, served as Kansas Democratic State Chairman from 1977-1979, and was the finance chairman for the Glickman for Congress Committee. He credited his success to the education he received at WSU, compelling his involvement at many levels including past president of the Endowment Board of Governors, former member of the Board of Trustees and Alumni Association. Both he and his wife, Doris "D.J.," were President's Club Life Members. In 1980, he established the D.J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship as a continuation of his dedication to WSU and his affinity for politics.

R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship

Ralph Wesley McCarty graduated summa cum laude from Wichita State University in 1974 with a degree in political science. A compassionate young man, he was considered to have the "soul of Thoreau" by family and friends. While battling leukemia, he maintained both mental and physical strength, even winning first place in a tri-state regional weight lifters meet while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. When he passed away in 1980, his parents wanted to honor his memory and create a scholarship in his name. The R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship was established in 1981 and is awarded annually to a student who is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and leadership. The scholarship is named in honor of Ralph Wesley McCarty, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a recipient of the D.J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship.

Additional Scholarship Recipients

Sara Hyde Corbin
Scholarship:
Andrew Bobbitt

Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf
Scholarship:
Kian Williams

Donna L. Shank
Scholarship:
Gabriela Zermeno Esparza

Lee and Helen Kamen
Scholarship:
Ceiana Bass

John E. Stanga
Scholarship:
Andrew Hoopes

Kenneth N. Ciboski
Scholarship:
Lyndon Le

Melvin A. Kahn and Joan
Gleeson Scholarship:
Jaime Berggren

Joan Hargrove
Scholarship:
Ayleen Escobedo

Christy Bailey
Scholarship:
Claire Clark

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STUDENT ASSISTANTS

WSU prides itself in providing applied an experiential learning opportunities to every student who graduates. All political science majors get this hands-on experience through writing a senior thesis with one-on-one mentoring by a member in the department. Beyond this experience, however, some students also assist department faculty in their own research work. We'd like to recognize this year's student assistants: Andrew Bobbitt, Tyler Dorsch, Ayleen Escobedo, Sounya Nimmo, and Annie Wasinger.

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Director Brian Austin is happy to talk with you if you have questions. (316) 978-6983 or Brian.Austin@wichita.edu

ALUMNI SURVEY

Our department is always seeking ways to improve its performance. One of our assessment strategies is to conduct surveys of our alumni to learn what aspects of the program were most beneficial to them following graduation. An email went out in August with a link to the survey. If you didn't get a chance to complete it, you can still give us input at: wichita.edu/alumnisurvey

ALUMNI UPDATES

Drew Taylor '22 – Pursuing a Master of Arts in International Science and Technology Policy at George Mason University in D.C.

Odalis Vicencio '21 – Research Analyst for consulting firm in DC working with the Office of Native American Programs within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Kylie Cameron '20 – Reporter for KMUW, Wichita's NPR affiliate. Teaching Media and Politics for WSU.

Tim Dodd '18 – Working in the aircraft industry with 3-P Processing in Wichita.

Paige (Hungate) Reese '18 – Associate with Husch Blackwell in Kansas City in the Intellectual Property group.

Matt Conklin '15 – ABD in Political Science at the University of Chicago.

Olivia Sullivan '15 – Associate with Benesch law firm in Chicago focusing on defamation cases, including Smartmatic voting systems.

Darren Beckham '14 – Chief of Staff for Senator Rick Wilburn at the Kansas state house in Topeka.

Brooklyne Johnson '10 - Vice President of Business Development for Beam Healthcare based in Madison WI.

Tyler Hoover '10 – Founder of Hoovie's Garage, recently filmed the third season of his television show

Fall 2022

Eli Flores
Ammeriahya Gonzalez**
Aaron Samuel Jacob Mounts
Rija Zaheer Nazir*
Quantae J. Robinson
Janine Marguerite Shinn
Lauren Elizabeth Veach***

Spring 2023

Aaron Arriaga
Itzia Barraza Cordova***
Laura Cunningham**
Niøle Bloomquist***
Logan Byrd
Ariel Dillon*
Dallas Grimes**
Naielle Lucella*
Audrey Nickel*
Sounya Nimmo**
Kristina Young**

Summer 2023