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## A Few Words From The Chair

By Dr. Ross Burkhart

I am very pleased to welcome you to this newsletter. We are “going electronic” this year, saving on paper and postage and becoming a bit more environmentally friendly in the process, we hope.

The newsletter this year pays special tribute to some of our Political Science students who are participating in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at Boise State. You will learn more about their work and ambitions. The McNair Program is an innovative effort to identify and mentor undergraduate students who are likely candidates for graduate programs and who are from backgrounds that are not traditionally well-represented in graduate programs.

Students such as the McNair Scholars are beneficiaries of several named as well as general departmental scholarships: the Willard Overgaard Scholarship, the Avery Peterson Scholarship, the Stephanie Witt Scholarship, the Frank Church Public Affairs Scholarship, and the John Keiser Public Affairs Scholarship, to name a few. I would like to extend a special invitation to you to make a gift to the Boise State University Foundation to help endow these scholarships. Thank you for your support of our program!

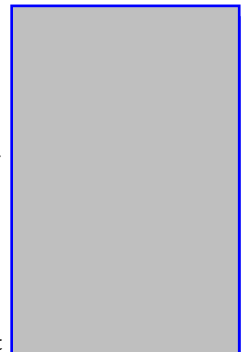
Members of our faculty have had significant publication success. **Brian Wampler** has published his book on participatory budgeting in Brazil with Penn State University Press. He has also lent his expertise to the World Bank and has just returned from a World Bank conference in South Africa on

this innovative topic. **John Freemuth** and **Greg Raymond** have published books on environmental politics in the American West and on foreign policy decision making regarding the Iraq War. They, too, give frequent talks on their areas of expertise. Their work is representative of our ethic of doing our best in the classroom, with the pen, and in the community.

This newsletter would not have been published, and frankly the business of the department would not take place, without the expertise and professionalism of our office staff: **Sarah Cuellar** and **Tricia Trofast**. We owe them our thanks.

We also thank our adjunct instructors for their course offerings, which allow us to offer courses on our distributed campus. Our 2007-2008 adjuncts are **David Christensen, Matt Christensen, Stewart Gardner, Christopher Innes, Xabier Irujo, John Keenan, Becky Miller, Carole Nemnich, William Overton, Guefong Pu, Bobby Schneider, Steve Shaw, Meredith Taylor, Norman Weinstein** and **Steve Wilson**.

I hope you enjoy reading about our department.



Sarah Cuellar,  
Office Specialist II

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## 2007-2008 Faculty Partner Award



**DR. ROSS BURKHART** won the 2007-2008 Faculty Partner Award. This award is granted by the Division of Student Affairs to a faculty member who is recognized for his or her work in helping many students succeed at Boise State.

2007-2008 Faculty Partner Award

Dr. Sona Andrews, Provost; Dr. Ross Burkhart (award recipient);  
Dr. Michael Laliberte, Vice President/Student Affairs

# Student Honors

## FOUNDERS LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The Founders Leadership Society was established in 2003 to recognize graduating students for their outstanding leadership involvement, both on campus and in the community. Induction into the prestigious society will provide students with opportunities to mentor other students and to participate in meaningful activities to enhance their personal and professional leadership growth beyond graduation. Criteria for the award include leadership skills, commitment to service, an appreciation for diversity and academic achievement.

### 2007 Founders Leadership Society

**Mallory Atkinson, Audra Green, Kersti Harter** (Canadian Studies minor), and **Jeremiah Hudson** were among 25 Boise State University students inducted into the Society in 2007.

### 2008 Founders Leadership Society

**Kylie Boggess, Britton Holdaway, Michael Reed, and Geneva Román** were among 21 Boise State University students inducted into the Society in 2008.

## 2007 Founders Leadership Society Graduates:



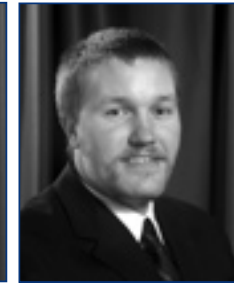
Mallory Atkinson



Audra Green



Kersti Harter



Jeremiah Hudson

## 2008 Founders Leadership Society Graduates:



Kylie Boggess



Britton Holdaway



Michael Reed



Geneva Román



Audra Green, Women Making Herstory honoree



Holly Hayman, Women Making Herstory honoree



Lindsey Rhodes, Women Making Herstory honoree

## POLITICAL SCIENCE “WOMEN MAKING HERSTORY”

Three Political Science students were among those honored by the Boise State University Women’s Center at the “Women Making Herstory” recognition reception in March. **Audra Green, Holly Hayman, and Lindsey Rhodes** were all honored for the significant contributions they made toward enhancing the status of women at Boise State and in the greater Treasure Valley community. *Congratulations to Audra, Holly, and Lindsey!*

## Dean’s List

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding achievement and inclusion on the Dean’s List.

### Spring 2007

Skyler L. Albertson  
 Christopher D. Badejo  
 Mark G. Bathrick  
 Matthew Bauscher  
 Morgan E. Bell  
 Kylie G. Boggess  
 Benjamin D. Brandon  
 David J. Brown  
 Sorina A. Cannon  
 Regan Charlton  
 Jason M. Crume  
 Sarah N. Cuellar  
 Jonathon J. Davis  
 Timothy C. De Raadt

Nicolás A. Diaz  
 Pankhuree R. Dube  
 Ernest A. Dunlap  
 Melanie L. Fillmore  
 Cassandra A. Ganger  
 Perri L.P. Gardner  
 Sara D. Goldstein  
 Rachel M. Greer  
 Susan A. Hamblin  
 Joshua D. Hansen  
 Alexandra Harber  
 Alison M. Harry  
 Joseph E. Hathaway  
 Holly C. Hayman  
 Kate E. Henry

Jeremiah Hudson  
 Jerad D. Johnson  
 Rachel Ione Johnson  
 Jesse A. Jones  
 Alison N. Kavanagh  
 Kelly A. Knapp  
 Narciso M. Lansdown  
 Douglas L. Lantz  
 Larissa L. Lee  
 Zachary R. Lugar  
 Aaron C. Mabey  
 Jana Mackova  
 John M. Maloney  
 Ryan L. Martinat  
 Matthew R. May  
 Fernando E. Meija  
 William J. Ottinger  
 William J. Passero  
 Erik J. Person

Daniel R. Pew  
 Alex A. Price  
 Brindee L. Probst  
 David R. Ralston  
 Bryce W. Reeder  
 Jordan T. Saitta  
 Craig M. Shaul  
 Robert T. Steiner  
 Kathryn G. Thomas  
 Simon Tu  
 Travis G. Walker  
 Jason R. Warren  
 Philip L. Wells  
 Nolan E. Wittrock  
 Lindsey Wright  
 Stephany M. Wright

### Fall 2007

Skyler L. Albertson

Robyn L. Austin  
 Ryan C. Baker  
 Jessica E. Barrie  
 Jessica L. Beaver  
 Gracia J. Bingham  
 Kylie G. Boggess  
 Scott G. Brashier  
 David J. Brown  
 Michelle E. Butler  
 Regan Charlton  
 Kelly L. Combs  
 Diana M. Cox  
 Jason M. Crume  
 Maya S. Cutler  
 Jonathan J. Davis  
 Timothy C. De Raadt  
 Nicolás A. Diaz  
 Pankhuree R. Dube  
 Robera Fair

## McNair Scholars Learn to Excel at Undergraduate Research

**THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FORTUNATE** this past year to have three special undergraduate scholars undertaking significant research projects under the auspices of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholars Program: Pankhuree Dube, Geneva Román, and Simon Tu. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the program's intent is to provide historically underrepresented groups in graduate education special mentorship so that they can more successfully apply to and enroll in graduate school. McNair Scholars undertake intensive summer research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, and present that research at conferences and symposia. They also receive instruction on among other things identifying appropriate graduate programs to which to apply, creating competitive applications, preparing for the Graduate Record Examination, and learning networking skills. Over the past three years the McNair Program at Boise State has placed 80% of its graduates in graduate programs.

What follows are the thoughts of Pankhuree, Geneva, and Simon about the McNair Program.



Dr. Brian Wampler and Kylie Boggess, Top Ten Scholar

### TOP TEN SCHOLAR

Top Ten Scholars are chosen from among the top 10 percent of Boise State's graduating class each year. They are selected based on academic performance, recommendation from college deans and extracurricular and research activities. Each student also honors a Boise State professor who was particularly influential to his or her success. **Kylie Boggess** was selected as a Top Ten Scholar at Boise State University for 2008. Her honored faculty member is **Dr. Brian Wampler**.

Melanie L. Fillmore  
Cassandra A. Ganger  
Bradley J. Glover  
Anne K. Harris  
Wayne Harris  
J. Matthew Haws  
Holly C. Hayman  
Christiana M. Haynie  
Kate E. Henry  
Britton J. Holdaway  
Cadey V. Hull  
Jared D. Hymas  
Claire Ivins  
Jeese A. Jones  
Rebecca A. Joslin  
Agata Kaupas  
Alison N. Kavanagh  
Kelly A. Knapp  
Narciso M. Lansdown

Benjamin G. Larsen  
Michael S. Law  
Spencer T. Lay  
Roman B. Lewis  
Micki I. Love  
Jana Mackova  
John M. Maloney  
Jessica S. Martin  
Matthew L. Maurer  
Matthew R. May  
Fernando E. Mejia  
Johali M. Muzaliwa  
Michelle R. O'Brian  
William J. Ottinger  
William J. Passero  
Christina M. Perry  
Daniel R. Pew  
Alex A. Price  
Brindee L. Probst

Rhiana H. Quick  
Jillian L. Rasmussen  
Bryce W. Reeder  
Chesley J. Ripley  
Tori A. Shockley  
Erik D. Slack  
Brandon M. Storms  
Kristen L. Strough  
Jennifer J. Theios  
Simon Tu  
Kaylan S. Vogeley  
Jason D. Wagner  
Michael K. Wasick  
Jocelyn J. Whiteley  
Marjorie R. Wilson  
Nolan E. Wittrock  
Lindsey Wright  
Stephany M. Wright  
Joshua L. Zimmerly

### Pankhuree Dube

*PSN: Could you describe your summer research project?*

Dube: This past summer I studied social movements in the developing world and the emergence of a transnational civil society. In my paper, I argued that

even though civil society organizations may represent the rights of one group (the indigenous, for example) they can ultimately work to enhance substantive democracy for every member of the polity.

*PSN: In what ways has the Political Science department assisted you in conducting your research and in your undergraduate career?*

Dube: Dr. Ross Burkhart agreed to be my mentor and met with me every week over the summer to guide me in my research. He patiently helped me with the long process of narrowing my scope. He further helped my research by introducing me to the literature within the subfield of democracy studies. I read classic texts by Robert



Pankhuree Dube, McNair Scholar

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Pankhuree Dube,  
at a market in Mexico

Dahl, Guillermo O'Donnell, Seymour Martin Lipset and others. He also recommended an article taking a more unorthodox approach by Kenneth Bollen and Pamela Paxton which looked at the organic development of democracy in tribal societies. In graduate school,

students are expected to have a familiarity with classic texts in the discipline of Political Science. Looking through the reading lists that prepare graduates for their board exams, I came across books I had already read for my research this summer. That made me happy!

*PSN: What does it mean for you to attend graduate school, personally and professionally?*

Dube: I can't think of any other place besides graduate school where you get paid to read and think and form opinions. To me, graduate school is the Mecca of nerd-dom and I look forward to being surrounded by people who are as excited by books and ideas as I am.

*PSN: Where do you see yourself ten years from now?*

Dube: I would love to be studying social movements and conducting field research in both Oaxaca, Mexico and central India. I'd like to have a string of publications and be recognized

as an authority within my subfield. I want to be engaged in exciting work that gives me hope. Fairly modest goals, right?

### Geneva Román

*PSN: Could you describe your summer research project?*

Román: Thanks to the paid fellowship awarded to me by the McNair program I was able to explore the role of Human Rights in the International Political Economy. I correlated the loan amounts awarded to countries with their human rights records in order to determine whether or not human rights are a substantial consideration for international banks. By analyzing the African Development Bank Group, Inter-American Bank and the International Monetary Fund, this study also sheds light on whether international financial institutions are upholding their legally bound human rights obligations. Using Ordinary Least Squares and General Least Squares regression models I found that human rights have little influence on bank decisions. Human rights are not a substantial consideration in lending practices and development banks are not fulfilling their international legal obligation to advance human rights. It is up to international political institutions to ensure that they do.

*PSN: In what ways has the Political Science department assisted you in conducting your research, and more broadly with the McNair program?*

Román: The Political Science department and its chair, Dr.



Geneva Román,  
McNair Scholar

## Scholarships

**EACH YEAR THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE** awards scholarships to full time political science majors.

In addition to the general political science scholarships, the Department of Political Science offers the following special scholarships:

The Frank Church Scholarship is awarded to a student with a demonstrated record of community service and the potential for leadership in the public sector.

The Dr. John Keiser Public Affairs Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior student who has a minimum 3.00 grade-point average and has demonstrated involvement in community service and/or public affairs.

The Dr. Willard Overgaard Scholarship is awarded to student who is a member of the Xi Chi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Dr. Overgaard was a former chair of the department and a professor of public law before his retirement.

The Avery Peterson Scholarship is awarded to a student with an International Relations emphasis in Political Science and an interest in the Foreign Service. Mr. Peterson was a Foreign Service Officer and taught for the department in the 1970s.

The Dr. Stephanie Witt Political Science Scholarship, is awarded to a student who has a minimum 3.00 grade-point average. Dr. Stephanie Witt is a former chair of

the Department and currently serves as Director of the Public Policy Center for the Department of Public Policy and Administration.

Application information is available each January at the department's office and website. Later in the spring, the department's scholarship committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the department chair on who should receive scholarships. A ceremony is held at the beginning of the fall semester to honor the recipients.

The department considers these scholarships an excellent opportunity to recognize our students' academic excellence, achievements, and other contributions.

Ross Burkhart, were pivotal during my research project. The quality of my research depended on the accessibility of the Computer Lab, Dr. Burkhart's guidance in providing materials, editing my writing, and counseling me during the ups and downs inherent of the research process. Additionally, it was the effectiveness of the department as a whole that prepared me in qualifying for the rigor of the McNair program in the first place. I owe Dr. Burkhart and the department many thanks.

*PSN: What does it mean for you to attend graduate school, personally and professionally?*

Román: McNair's intention is to academically and professionally elevate underrepresented students. Graduate school means gaining access to the education and networking needed for underrepresented populations to penetrate the exclusive system of political and economic decision making and profit sharing. As a Latina, first-generation, low income student, getting accepted into a PhD program is an essential way for me to contribute back to the well-being and voices of the underrepresented populations of which I am a part and is also essential toward removing the demographic and economic barriers that are unnecessary obstacles for a large part of a population with superb scholarly capacities.

*PSN: Where do you see yourself ten years from now?*

Román: I hope to have completed my PhD in five



Geneva Román,  
McNair Scholar at the National Model  
UN Conference

years and will like to have started a family then too. Five years after that I hope to be an effective agent in turning Humanitarian principles into international law through the efforts of NGOs. Of course I must always allow for surprise in the anticipation of future work. You never know where life may take you.

### Simon Tu

*PSN: Could you describe your summer research project?*

Tu: With Dr. Ross Burkhart as my research mentor, I developed a formal research proposal that merited a \$2,800 Ronald E. McNair fellowship, which facilitated my analysis of the relationship between economic globalization and income distribution in the United States. Unlike previous studies in this area, I expanded the conceptual definition of "economic globalization" beyond a neo-liberal focus on international trade and capital mobility to include a previously neglected factor of global production processes, namely international labor mobility. Happily, I overcame the difficulties associated with measuring a hidden population and operationalized international labor mobility by disaggregating the foreign born population into authorized and unauthorized groups. My

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Dr. Willard Overgaard  
and Simon Tu (recipient  
of the Willard Overgaard  
Political Science  
Scholarship)

The following students were recipients of scholarships for the 2007-2008 Academic Year:

**Jonathan Davis**

**Nicolás Diaz**, Avery F. Peterson Scholarship in  
Political Science

**Pankhuree Dube**

**Perri Gardner**

**Rebecca Joslin**

**Amber Klein**, Canadian Studies Scholarship

**Narciso Lansdown**

**Jessica Martin**

**Matthew Maurer**, Frank Church Public Service  
Scholarship

**William Ottinger**

**Geneva Román**, Political Science/English Scholarship

**Simon Tu**, Willard Overgaard Political Science  
Scholarship

**Nolan Wittrock**



**2007-2008 Scholarship Recipients**

L-R Front Row: Nolan Wittrock, Geneva Román, Perri Gardner, Matthew Maurer

L-R Back Row: Dr. Ross Burkhart, Jessica Martin, Nicolas Diaz, Rebecca Joslin,  
Narciso Lansdown, Pankhuree Dube, Simon Tu

Not Pictured: Jonathan Davis, William Ottinger, Amber Klein



Simon Tu at the U.S. Capitol

project contributes to the study of economic inequality by assessing the impact international trade, capital, and labor flows have on income distribution in the U.S.

*PSN: In what ways has the Political Science department assisted you in conducting your research, and more broadly with the McNair program?*

Tu: The McNair Scholars Program helps prepare undergraduates

for graduate studies through exposure to research and other scholarly activities, and the department's faculty members are a critical component in this enrichment process. As my summer research mentor, Dr. Ross Burkhart has been extremely generous with his time, talents, and abilities and was instrumental in the success of my research project. In addition to working with Dr. Burkhart on my original research, I strengthened my research and classroom skills by working as a research assistant for Dr. Brian Wampler and as a regular guest-lecturer for Dr. Dick Kinney's "American Chief Executive," a demanding upper-division course. Like Dr. Kinney, Dr. Steve Sallie has offered to open up "International Political Economy" to one or more of my lectures. These research and teaching experiences contributed to my growth as a scholar and reveal the collaborative spirit of the Political Science department and McNair. Normally, a McNair Scholar has one mentor, but I have been fortunate to have four mentors, all dedicated to my success in graduate school, in the political science department.



Simon Tu, McNair Scholar at the White House

*PSN: What does it mean for you to attend graduate school, personally and professionally?*

Tu: On a personal level, attending graduate school is nothing short of a revolution for me and my extended family. For the past three generations only two of my cousins, one on each side of my family, have earned a high-school diploma; I advanced only to the 10th grade and earned a GED. Remarkably, at the time of this writing (late February), I have been offered admission with full or generous funding to five of the country's most highly-ranked PhD programs. While my grandparents do not understand the full significance of my academic success, they do know graduate school is a big deal and are extremely proud of me. We are full of unprecedented joy at this moment.

Professionally, enrolling in a PhD program means I can build on the teaching and research experience I have gained at Boise State University. Through my graduate studies I will have the opportunity to establish a solid research agenda that will serve as my key to gaining employment within the professoriate where, ideally, my intellectual and creative abilities will be rewarded by the academy and, perhaps more importantly, the students I serve.

*PSN: Where do you see yourself ten years from now?*

Tu: I will have earned a PhD in political science and may be employed as a researcher and teacher at a university that serves primarily low-income and underrepresented students. Whatever the demographic of the university I work in, I hope to bridge the gap between that university and the community it is embedded in by teaching "at-risk" high-school students through summer seminars that are designed to cultivate successful college students while addressing the community's most pressing political and socioeconomic issues.



Simon Tu, at the Vietnam Memorial Wall

## Interns

### SINCE BOISE STATE IS LOCATED

in the capital city, a large number of internships are offered to our political science majors. These internships allow students to gain important experience, make valuable contacts, and earn academic credit – sometimes they even get paid. Many of our students took advantage of the internship program during the 2007-2008 academic year.

### Summer 2007

**Joseph Cook**, Idaho Democratic Party  
**Darius Rementeria**, City of Boise Planning and Zoning  
**Jennifer Stolley**, State of Idaho Public Defender's Office

### Fall 2007

**Joseph Cook**, Idaho Democratic Party  
**Justine Cook**, Bieter for Boise Mayor Campaign  
**Rachael Cope**, Office of Senator Mike Crapo  
**Robert Fair**, Wells Fargo Diversity Council  
**Stacy Falkner**, Idahoans for Obama  
**Dustin Hurst**, Office of Congressman Bill Sali

**Narciso Lansdown**, Idaho Smart Growth  
**Doug Lantz**, Agency for New Americans  
**Brian Linz**, Bieter for Boise Mayor Campaign  
**Bijoux Ngwanda**, Idaho Human Rights Education Center  
**Joseph Schaffer**, Bieter for Boise Mayor Campaign  
**Cody Watters**, Family Advocate Program

### Spring 2008

**Christie Bauscher**, American Cancer Society  
**Cynthia Blue**, American Civil Liberties Union  
**Kylie Boggess**, Planned Parenthood of Idaho  
**Mark Dillon**, Idaho Department of Commerce, Office of Science and Technology  
**Brian Ertz**, Western Watersheds Project  
**Stacy Falkner**, Representative Nicole LeFavour, Idaho Legislature  
**Kristin Galante**, Ludwig, Shoufler, Miller LLP  
**Brian Graham**, Idaho House of Representatives Minority Party  
**Leah Hover**, American Cancer Society

**Dustin Hurst**, Office of Congressman Bill Sali  
**Matthew May**, Idaho Senate Republican Caucus  
**Jessie McLeod**, Idaho State Senate  
**Bakh Mirkasimov**, Idaho Human Rights Education Center  
**Christin Parras**, Risch, Goss, Insinger, Gustavel  
**William Passero**, Idaho Public Employees Association  
**Don Peters**, American Association of Retired Persons  
**Rhiana Quick**, Office of Idaho House Minority Leader  
**Bryan Ricker**, Office of Congressman Bill Sali  
**Carlos Soriano**, Boise City Mayor's Office  
**Julia Stapleton**, Representative Sue Chew, Idaho Legislature  
**Nicolas Swanson**, Idaho Senate Minority Party  
**Crystal White**, Representative Nicole LeFavour, Idaho Legislature  
**Jocelyn Whiteley**, Senator Elliot Werk, Idaho Legislature



Representative Wendy Jacquet and Rhiana Quick

#### 2007-2008 Interns and Intern Supervisors

L-R Front Row: Matthew May, Kylie Boggess, Bryan Ricker, Carlos Soriano, and Amber Pence  
 L-R Back Row: Marie Hattaway, Brian Dickens, Narciso Lansdown, Christie Bauscher, Elizabeth Obregon, Rhiana Quick, Jennifer Stolley, Stacy Falkner, Nicolas Swanson, Dr. Ross Burkhardt

# Political Science Association

By Geneva Román, President

**PSA ROCKED THIS YEAR!** 2007 has come and gone and the Political Science Association (PSA) will remember it fondly. After September's preliminary meetings with great student turnout, all members produced prime ideas for fundraising and volunteer activities.



Geneva Román, President  
Political Science Association

PSA threw the well-known Faculty-Student Dinner late October at the delicious Basque restaurant, Leku Ona, that we all loved the year before. On November 6th, PSA members were hard at work at the polls raising money and learning more about the Ada County elections process. In December we were proud to help the Model United Nations group with their Global Impact Dinner. The event facilitated student organization camaraderie and an uncensored discussion on "Racism and Misconceptions in the Middle East." PSA also attended a "Service Saturday" with the Volunteer Services Board.

Officers this year included me, **Geneva Román**, President; **Perri Gardner**, Vice President; Secretary **Rhiana Quick**; and **Rachel Johnson** as the Treasurer who graduated last fall. We wish you the best of luck Rachel! Rhiana has admirably filled her position since then.

Spring 2008 has been full of activity with more to come. We had a great turn out of volunteers for the YMCA Youth Government in January. Inspiring high school students to pursue political studies is important for the enrichment of the department.

February was a busy month for the PSA. Following several power meetings, on February 6th members attended and staffed the Democratic Caucus per the invitation of legislators. Also, February 19th was our fascinating sneak preview movie night – a documentary looking behind the scenes of the Idaho Legislature.

During the first week of March, PSA helped publicize Japan Club's Japan Week. PSA volunteers staffed a booth at the Majors' Fair March 12th. All volunteers were aptly rewarded at our Spring Banquet the next day at the Taste of Memphis restaurant, where 49 people attended.

The 1st week of April brought Canada Week. Then, from April 23rd-26th the PSA will volunteer for the large YMCA Youth Government event, once again looking to inspire young students.

Finally, we are all looking forward to the "End of the Year BBQ" just before graduation. The PSA officers and I would like to thank all members for making this last year a proud and productive one and we would especially like to thank **Dr. Ross Burkhart**, our advisor, for guiding our organization for over 10 years now.

For more information on the Political Science Association contact either Geneva at [geneva52@gmail.com](mailto:geneva52@gmail.com) or Dr. Burkhart at [rburkha@boisestate.edu](mailto:rburkha@boisestate.edu).



Political Science Association  
Rhiana Quick, Perri Gardner, Geneva Román and Dr. Ross Burkhart



Political Science Association Spring Banquet  
Dr. Ross Burkhart, Rhiana Quick, Perri Gardner and Geneva Román



## Faculty Honors *Congratulations!*



Dr. Les Alm received the 2007 Tenured Faculty Award for Research from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.



Dr. Ross Burkhart received the 2007 ASBSU Faculty Recognition Award.



Dr. Dick Kinney received the Honors College Outstanding Faculty Award for 2006-2007. He won the award for his excellent instruction of the Honors section of POLS 101 American National Government, which he has taught for many semesters.

## Pre-Law Society

By Jonny Carkin, President



Jonny Carkin, President  
Pre-Law Society

The Boise State University Pre-Law Society was founded in 2005. It has been the club's mission to provide students with information and encouragement that will help them aspire to law school. I have had the privilege of serving as the president of this organization since 2007.

We have three meetings every semester that are open to all who are interested. We host these meetings with panels from the Young Lawyers Association who offer valuable advice concerning the different ways one might finance a legal education and the career paths available to those with law degrees.

Last fall, the Pre-Law Society also hosted a tour of the Idaho Supreme Court. Former **Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder** and **Justice Warren Jones** led a discussion on the role of the Supreme Court in Idaho, its history, and offered advice to the students in attendance. Every year we hold a Law School Admission Test and Law School Admissions Council information meeting. At this meeting we help students with the admission process by helping them navigate through the LSAC web-site. We also have students who have recently taken the LSAT come in and discuss their study strategies and offer advice on taking the test.

Every fall the society hosts our annual law school admissions dinner in which admission officers, representing laws schools throughout the northwest, offer a rare insight into the admissions process. The panel discusses what they look for in prospective law students, the importance of personal statements, and how much factors like LSAT scores and grade point averages influence their decisions.

At our last meeting in February, elections were held. Due to their approaching graduations, vice-president **Holly Hayman**, treasurer **Stacy Falkner**, and secretary **Heather Wray** did not seek re-election. Their hard work and dedication has been invaluable and they will be missed. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new executives with whom I have recently had the pleasure of working. The new officers are vice-president **Mike Olsen**, treasurer **Charles Walsh**, and secretary **Carlos Soriano**. I look forward to working with them over the course of the next year.

Finally, I would like to thank **Dr. Jeremy Ball** (Criminal Justice Administration), **Professor Michael Bixby** (College of Business), and **Dr. Ross Burkhart** for their help and support. I would also like to thank our advisor, **Dr. Lori Hausegger**. Without her, there would be no Pre-Law Society. Her efforts have been crucial to the society's success. It is through her efforts that we have managed to facilitate all of our events. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. For more information about the Pre-Law Society, contact Dr. Lori Hausegger at [lorihausegger@boisestate.edu](mailto:lorihausegger@boisestate.edu).



Pre-Law Society  
Stacy Falkner, Jonny Carkin and Carlos Soriano

# Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society

By Perri Gardner, President



Perri Gardner, President  
Pi Sigma Alpha

## IT IS ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE

to gather together with fellow students of political science and discuss shared interests and goals.

In the spring, the Boise State's Xi Chi Chapter of the National Political Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, helped sponsor an annual Recognition Luncheon to bring together department interns and intern supervisors, Political Science Association members, Pre-Law Society members, and members and new inductees of Xi Chi. This year's Recognition Luncheon was very successful and fun as students and faculty came together to honor each others accomplishments.

This year we invited Boise State graduate **Sadie Babits** to speak at the luncheon. Sadie is an award winning journalist who currently is the News Director for Boise State Radio – an NPR affiliate station. She graduated with honors with a political science degree from Boise State University with an emphasis in international relations in 2002. Sadie was a Pew International Journalism Fellow which took her to the East African country of Kenya to report on sustainability and water issues. She's won numerous

awards including a National Edward R. Murrow for investigative journalism and top honors from the Society of Environmental Journalists. It was inspiring for students to hear of Sadie's experiences and accomplishments after graduation from Boise State.

Following the speaker, Pi Sigma Alpha honored its current members and inducted new members. Pi Sigma Alpha is a national honor society that holds its members to the highest academic standards and inducts new members once an academic year. Pi Sigma Alpha inductees for 2007-2008 are **Sarah Cuellar**, **Nicolás Diaz**, **Pankhuree Dube**, **Matthew May**, **Jason Wagner**, and **Joshua Zimmerly**. The current officers for Pi Sigma Alpha are **Perri Gardner**, President; **Sarah Cuellar**, Vice President; **Matthew May**, Treasurer; and **Jason Wagner**, Secretary. The Xi Chi Chapter and the Department of Political Science would like to thank the National Pi Sigma Alpha organization for the grant which helped to fund this event.

Pi Sigma Alpha would also like to thank two wonderful people who have helped to keep our organization running: **Dr. Brian Wampler**, Advisor, and **Tricia Trofast**, the Administrative Coordinator. These individuals have worked diligently to keep Pi Sigma Alpha running smoothly. For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha, contact the Political Science Department at [bwampler@boisestate.edu](mailto:bwampler@boisestate.edu) or call 426-1458.

## Pi Sigma Alpha Inductees:



Nicolás Diaz (center) with Perri Gardner and Dr. Brian Wampler



Pankhuree Dube (center) with Perri Gardner and Dr. Brian Wampler



Matthew May (center) with Perri Gardner and Dr. Brian Wampler



Sarah Cuellar (center) with Perri Gardner and Dr. Brian Wampler



2007-2008 Xi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society  
L-R Front Row: Nicolás Diaz, Pankhuree Dube  
L-R Back Row: Matthew May, Sarah Cuellar, Perri Gardner and Dr. Brian Wampler

# Department of Political Science Recognition Luncheon

March 4, 2008



Dr. Ross Burkhart (center) with adjunct faculty Dr. Bill Overton and Carole Nemnich, MPA



Dr. Ross Burkhart giving the opening address at the Political Science Recognition Luncheon



Guest speaker, Sadie Babits showing a slide presentation of her studies abroad



Sadie Babits, guest speaker

## Meet our Adjuncts: Dr. Stephen Shaw

**SOME OF OUR ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS** have taught courses in our department for possibly longer than they care to admit. Their faces are oftentimes as familiar to our students as are the faces of the full-time faculty. We asked Dr. Stephen Shaw, who has taught American National Government, Contemporary Political Ideologies and Constitutional Law for us since (gasp!) 1987, to take time from his busy day-job teaching in the Political Science and History departments at Northwest Nazarene University as well as directing the university's Honors Program to answer a couple of questions from us about what makes him tick.

PSN: What got you interested in studying political science?

Shaw: I grew up in Louisiana, where politics was as constant as the humidity and perhaps a substitute either for war or NFL football. My father, not a well-educated person formally, read about and followed politics a great deal, and I remember our parents taking us voting with them. I always liked reading history, biography, and books about various issues or events, and in college I just knew I wanted to study political science, although at that time I was unsure where it would take me.

PSN: What do you hope students take away from your courses?

Shaw: I think the primary thing I hope they take from my courses is a greater sense of critical awareness of what Ralph Ellison once referred to as "our unfinished country." To put it in the context of American politics, the experiment in self-government continues to be conducted, and each of us, in his or her unique way, helps conduct this experiment. I really do believe in what Justice William Brennan meant by "the citizen-critic," and I hope our students do, too.

Thanks for all you do in instructing our students, Dr. Shaw. And we are sensitive to the fact that you earned your Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, so we promise not to remind you of the 2007 Fiesta Bowl score too often.



Dr. Stephen Shaw

## Faculty Notes

**DR. LESLIE ALM**, Professor, serves as Chair and the Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University. He had two refereed book chapters published (“Linear Correlation and Regression,” *Handbook of Research Methods in Public Administration*, Second Edition with co-author **Susan Mason**; and “The Policy Process and the American West: An Environmental Perspective”, *Environmental Politics and Public Policy in the West*, Revised Edition; a book that was co-edited by **John Freemuth**), and completed two paper presentations at national conferences. Alm and **Ross Burkhardt** completed the final research from a Canadian Embassy grant of \$7500.

**DR. ROSS BURKHART**, Associate Professor and Chair and Co-Director of the Canadian Studies Program, had his article “Democracy, Capitalism, and Income Inequality: Seeking Causal Directions,” published in *Comparative Sociology*. Burkhardt also published the chapter “Political Institutions in the United States” in the book *Politics in North America: Redefining Continental Relations*, edited by **Yasmeen Abu-Laban** (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada), **Radha Jhappan** (Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada), and **François Rocher** (Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada), published by Broadview Press. In addition, Burkhardt and **Les Alm** published “Is Spotlighting Enough? The Commission for Environmental Cooperation” in the *Canadian-American Public Policy* monograph series.

Burkhardt made several academic presentations as well. He presented papers on democratization at the International Studies Association and American Political Science Association conferences in Chicago. He also presented papers on Canada-US environmental policy at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association conference in Spokane and at the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States biennial conference in Toronto. In addition, Burkhardt gave a research presentation on the Commission for Environmental Cooperation at Gonzaga University. Burkhardt gave an address on Canadian foreign policy at a special conference at the University of Alberta in Edmonton celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Canadian constitution.

Burkhardt is chair of the Bookstore Advisory Board and serves on the Women’s Center Advisory Board. He is the faculty advisor to the Political Science Association. Off campus, Burkhardt serves on the Executive Committee of the Boise Committee on Foreign Relations and the Youth Advisory Board of the YMCA. Burkhardt is also the southwest Idaho regional director of the YMCA Youth Government, which had its annual convention in January, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science. More than 90 high school students from five schools in the Treasure Valley participated in the one-day mock government exercise on the Boise State University campus.

**DR. ELIZABETH J. FREDERICKSEN**, Associate Professor, notes her biggest news is her legal name change from Patricia Fredericksen. Beyond this unconventional activity with all of its attendant paperwork, Fredericksen continues to train employees in

local and state government agencies on the challenges of workplace aggression. Her research in workplace aggression has been fruitful and she has been busy writing. **Stephanie Witt** and Fredericksen are collaborating on case-based network research that has been well-received in the peer-review process. In terms of service, she spent a great deal of time working with colleagues on the proposed PhD in Public Policy and Administration during the Fall, 2007. Fredericksen will take on the MPA Director role in the Department of Public Policy and Administration beginning June 2008.

**DR. JOHN FREEMUTH**, Professor and Senior Fellow for the Andrus Center for Public Policy, continued to serve as Interim Director of the Energy Policy Institute (EPI), a three university/Idaho National Lab consortium. EPI issued the results of its survey of Idahoans attitudes on energy, which can be found at <http://ppa.boisestate.edu/ssrc/>. He co-wrote, with former **Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus**, “President Carter’s Coup: An Insider’s View of the 1978 Alaska Monument Designations” in a book celebrating the 100 anniversary of the Antiquities Act published by the University of Arizona. Freemuth co-edited *Environmental Policy and Politics in the West*, with **Zachary Smith** of the Northern Arizona University, which will be published in August by the University of Colorado. **Les Alm** wrote the introductory chapter about public policy for the book, while Freemuth contributed a chapter as well. He was the invited speaker to a meeting of Region 4 Forest Service employees in Ogden in February.

**DR. LORI HAUSEGGER**, Assistant Professor, is the Department’s Pre-Law Advisor and the Faculty Advisor to the Pre-Law Society. She is also Co-Director of the Canadian Studies program at Boise State University. Hausegger is currently working on a large project addressing judicial selection in Canada. She and her co-authors will present the next look at their research question at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting in Vancouver in June 2008. She and her co-authors are also finishing revisions on a book on the judicial process in Canada. This book will be released in the Fall by Oxford University Press. Most importantly, this past year has been a busy one for Hausegger with the birth of her daughter Samantha.

**DR. DICK KINNEY**, Professor, attended the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual meeting in March. At the conference rountable on budgeting in the western states, he discussed the findings from the paper that he and **Greg Hill**, Department of Public Policy and Administration, wrote on the budget submitted by Idaho’s **Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter**. They were particularly interested in identifying whether and how the governor used the budget to promote his policy goals. During the summer, he and Hill will edit the paper and add an analysis of the Legislature’s appropriations decisions, including how they compare with the governor’s recommendations. The Center of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah will include their revised manuscript in the annual proceedings for the state budgeting roundtable.

As the main political science advisor for the political science-social science-secondary education program, he wants to hear from previous and current students in that program to tell him about their experiences. Kinney would like to invite past students who are now American government teachers to come to campus and share their insights with students who are presently completing their degrees.

As always, Kinney invites his former students and advises to let him know how they are doing. His email address is rkinney@boisestate.edu.

**DR. SUSAN G. MASON**, Assistant Professor, is conducting research with **Suzanne McCorkle** on the efficacy of roommate negotiations to reduce roommate conflict in residence halls. Mason is also conducting research on Community Design, Income Inequality and Social Capital Production in 34 Boise neighborhoods with grant funds. She presented the paper “Regional Influences on Political Identity: U.S. and Canadian Comparisons” at the 19th Association for Canadian Studies in the United States Biennial Conference. Mason also serves on the Demographic Advisory Committee for the Community Planning Association of Southwest (COMPASS) and is on the Executive Board of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) District Chapter.

**DR. GARY MONCRIEF**, Professor, published three book chapters: “Legislative Politics in the States” (with **Keith Hamm**) in *Politics in the American States*, 9th edition; “Term Limits and the Composition of State Legislatures” (with **Lynda Powell** and **Tim Storey**) in *Institutional Change in American Politics* and “Term Limits in State Legislatures” (with **Jennifer Drage Bowser**) in *Institutional Change in American Politics*. He presented a paper on “Turnover in State Legislatures” at the 2008 Western Political Science Association annual meeting in San Diego. Moncrief continued his role as faculty member at the Western Legislative Academy—a training workshop for selected members of the 13 western state legislatures—held annually in Colorado Springs, sponsored by the Council of State Governments.

**DR. GREG RAYMOND**, Frank Church Professor of International Relations, published *The Multipolar Challenge* (Cordoba, Spain: Editorial Almuzara, 2008) and is currently completing work on the third edition of *The Global Future* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth), which will be published in the next few months. Raymond also published “Arms and National Security” (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth), a web-based interactive computer simulation of arms race dynamics, as well as the following articles and review essays: “The Need to Protect” in the *Harvard International Review*; “The Fog of Victory” and “The Elements of Strategic Thinking” in the *International Studies Review*; and “Preemption and Preventive War” in *The Legitimate Use of Military Force* (Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishing, 2008). In addition, he published the following entries in *North Atlantic Treaty Organization: An Encyclopedia of International Security* (Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 2008): “Terrorism,” “Al Qaeda,” “Basque Fatherland and Liberty,” “Italian Red Brigade,” “General James Dozier,” “War on Terror, 2001–2005,” and “International Court of Justice.” His article “Serbian-American

Relations in the Twilight of Unipolarity” is forthcoming in a publication from the University of Belgrade, and his case study of the Mytilenian Debate is forthcoming from Georgetown University.

Raymond delivered presentations on “The Greco-Roman Roots of Just War Theory” in Bucaco, Portugal; “America’s Foreign Policy Challenges in a Multipolar Future” and “The American Study of International Relations” in Belgrade, Serbia; “International Consequences of the Iraq War” at the Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs in New York City; “Ideology and U.S. Foreign Policy” for a program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; “Internationalizing American Higher Education” at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls; and “Ancient Non-Western Conceptions of Just War” at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco. He also served as a moderator of the 2007 Frank Church Symposium on “Presidents, the Constitution, and National Security,” and delivered a series of four lectures to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State on the origins, conduct, and outcome of the Peloponnesian War.

**DR. STEVEN SALLIE**, Associate Professor, taught a special topics course, “American Politics, Ideologies, and Popular Culture during the Rock Era,” where many students indicated that it was their favorite course. Sallie presented a paper on the contending perspectives on the special relationship between the United States and Israel at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco during spring break. Sallie represents the department on the Social Science and Public Affairs Curriculum Committee and is the college representative on the University Curriculum Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Department’s Scholarship Committee and the Phi Kappa Phi Writing Award Committee. He is also an everyday volunteer for the Idaho Youth Ranch. Sallie always finds time to play chess, as well as to discuss salient political and philosophical issues, with students in his office and off campus. He has encouraged Samantha, his daughter, to work with the Special Olympics coming to Idaho in February 2009.

**DR. BRIAN WAMPLER**, Assistant Professor, published his first book, *Participatory Budgeting in Brazil: Contestation, Cooperation, and Accountability* (Penn State University Press) in 2007. He spent Spring semester 2007 in Madrid, Spain and was able to conduct comparative research in the cities of Sevilla and Cordoba. Over the past year, Wampler presented his work in Spain, Portugal, Great Britain (Oxford University), Canada, and South Africa. He will be promoted to Associate Professor, beginning Fall semester 2008.

**DR. SCOTT YENOR**, Associate Professor, continues to teach, head seminars aimed at Teaching American History, and write. Currently he is completing a manuscript on the history of the family in modern political thought. Several of the chapters from the book are under review, including articles on John Stuart Mill and G.W.F. Hegel. This year has been consumed mostly with his daughter’s cancer treatment and the arrival of yet another Yenor into the world: Mark Adrian was born in January.

## Political Science Alumni

**SADIE BABITS** (2003) is the News Director for Boise State Radio Administration at Boise State University.

**ROBERT F. BASS** (1987) is a paralegal with the risk management department at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas.

**MARK BATHRICK** (2007) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University, where he serves as a graduate assistant.

**JORDAN BRADLEY** (2006) is in the PhD program in Politics and Policy at Claremont Graduate University in California and will specialize in political theory and American government. He was the recipient of the Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Graduate Fellowship, only one of three students nationally to receive the honor. He and his wife Raelene had a son in October 2007.

**AMANDA BROWN** (2002) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**PATRICK CLAYTON** (2004) is a real estate and mortgage loan officer at the Bank of America Mortgage. Clayton has several years of lending experience within the banking and finance industry.

**BRIAN CROUCH** (1981) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**KEVIN DANE** (1984) is a Vice President in the Commercial Loan Department with Magic Valley Bank, a Division of Panhandle State Bank in Twin Falls, Idaho. Dane has been with the bank since 1998.

**EILEEN DESHAZO** (2006) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University, where she currently serves as a graduate assistant.

**PHYLLIS EASTEPPE** (2004) is working on behalf of Idaho's seatbelt laws. In 2001, Easteppe lost her teenage son in a car accident. Since then she has devoted herself to stricter seatbelt laws and better enforcement.

**STEFANNIE ELLIS** (2004) graduated from Gonzaga University's School of Law in 2007.

**HANNALORE FERBER** (2005) is a caseworker and staff assistant in U.S. Senator Mike Crapo's Boise office. She interned in both Crapo's Washington, D.C., and Boise offices. Ferber is fluent in Spanish, German, and English.

**GREGORY FUNK** (2007) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**CELIA GOULD** (1979) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University and director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

**THERESA GRANT** (1998) led the formation of the international non-profit organization Courage To Be You (C2BU). The organization is designed to help African children who have been orphaned by AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

**ROBERT GREEN** (2006) is a Thomas More Scholar at Gonzaga University's School of Law.

**MIKE HADDON** (1991) is the Deputy Director of the Utah State Department of Corrections.

**DINKO HADZIK** (2005) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**TRACY HALL** (1998) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**COBY HARROD** (2006) is a planner for the Ada County Highway Department.

**ERIK HEIDEMANN** (2004) passed his PhD candidacy exams at Ohio State University in Spring 2006 and is currently working on his dissertation, which examines the attitudinal composition and political behavior of the newly registered voter. Heidemann also taught courses on American political parties and Political behavior.

**CARRIE HUMPHREYS** (2004) received her Masters of Political Science from the University of Utah where she is an adjunct professor for the Political Science Department.

**ALI SOHAIL ISHAQ** (2004) recently returned to Boise after he received a Fulbright Fellowship to Jordan during 2006-2007. One of his Fulbright projects was titled "U.S. Democracy Strategy: An American/Jordanian Dialogue," which was presented at a conference in Jordan. Guests attending the conference included former United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Christopher Henzel, the political attaché of the US embassy in Amman. Ishaq served as president of the Associated Students of Boise State in 2003-2004.

**AMY JAUREGUI** (1996) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**IANA KINGSBURY-JACKSON** (2007) is a Project Technician for the Project Management Division in Planning and Development Services for the City of Boise. Kingsbury assists the project managers, writes reports based on recommendations of Planning and Development staff members, and creates maps with Geographical Information Systems (GIS).



Iana Kingsbury-Jackson

**MOLLY KINNEY** (2000) is currently a graduate student in the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute nursing program. Kinney married Joseph Merlino in August 2007 in Salem, Massachusetts.

**DAVID KOEHLER** (2006) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**LARRY LAVERTY** (1984) returned to Boise from California to perform in the locally produced independent film *The Sanguinarian*. Laverty has appeared in more than 90 films and numerous television shows.

**HEIDI LOW** (2007) is the Idaho Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society, Great West Division, Inc., in Boise.

**ERIK MAKRUSH** (2007) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**LU ANN MAVROMICHALIS** (1983) is the public information/contracts manager for the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging.

**SHAWN MAYBON** (2006) is attending law school at the University of Idaho.

**JACOB MCGINNIS** (2004) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**CAMERON MCFADDAN** (1993) is a Commercial Escrow Officer with TitleOne in Boise.

**DEBORAH J. MITCHELL** (2004) graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2007.

**SHANNON NATION** (1995) is a Spanish teacher at Payette High School in Idaho.

**GLORIA PARKVOLD** (2002) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**HEIDI PETERSON** (1998) is the Deputy Regional Director of CARE's Western Region and is based in San Francisco, where she is responsible for fund raising from 13 western states. Peterson received her MPA from the University of Washington in 2005.

**SEAN PETERSON** (2004) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**JEREMY SAUER** (2002) attended the Aviation Advanced Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama in 2007.

**MARK SEELY** (1984) has been an advocate for Boise homeless for years. In 2007, he ran for Mayor of Boise to promote "livability" for Boise area residents.

**CRAIG SHAUL** (2007) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**RAMON SILVA** (1993) is the Assistant Director of Admissions-Recruitment at Boise State University.

**KATHRYN STRAWN** (2003) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**RYAN STRONG** (2004) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**TARA TANDROW** (1997) is employee benefits producer at Premier Insurance Company. Tandrow specializes in group and individual medical insurance.

**DOUGLAS TOBIN** (1992) is the founder and head coach of Boise Young Rider Development Squad (BYRDS), which has become one of the nation's largest youth cycling clubs. Tobin broke ground on a new cycling park in Eagle in July 2007.

**KARLA VASQUEZ** (2004) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**PERRY WADDELL** (1988) is an attorney with the New York City Administration for Children's Services for Family Court Legal Services in Brooklyn Family Court. He handles abuse and neglect cases for the agency, as well as permanency and foster care. Waddell served as president of the Associated Students of Boise State in 1987-1988.



Vaughn Ward

#### **VAUGHN WARD**

(1992) was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V for Valor (September 2007) for his actions while serving as a Marine Rifle Company Commander in Fallujah, Iraq from March – October 2006. He later spoke at the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce luncheon in November 2007. Ward received his MBA from the University of Maryland in 2002. In January 2006,

Vaughn served as a rifle company commander of 200 Marines and Sailors in Fallujah, Iraq.

**SYDNEY WARNER** (2001) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**LISA WENNSTROM** (2007) is a graduate student in the MPA program at Boise State University.

**KIMBERLY ZIEBARTH** (1994) completed her Master's in Education through Utah State University in 2007. Ziebarth received an academic scholar award for completing her degree with a 4.0 GPA.



Kimberly Ziebarth

#### **DEATHS**

**THELMA GRAHAM** (2004) passed away at the age of 86. Graham received her degree from Boise State at the age of 83.

**JOHN R. ROHDE II** (1984) passed away April 10, 2007, at the age of 46.



Thelma Graham

## Alumni Update

Alumni, we would like to include you in this section of the News. Let us know about your past or present education, your career, or any other information you feel would be interesting reading, and a photo if you like. Please send your contributions to Dr. Ross Burkhardt at the address below, or fax it to (208) 426-4370, or email to rburkha@boisestate.edu for inclusion in the next edition.

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