

University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences  
**Department of Political Science Newsletter**  
Spring 2014

Recent News and Events

**An Epic Career**

At the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, our colleague Frank [Bryan](#), the John J. McCullough Professor of Political Science, [retired](#) after 36 years of service to his department, his College and his University. Frank enjoyed a very well deserved victory lap over the last weeks of his teaching career. He was [feted](#) by the Vermont State Legislature with a public reading in the House chamber of a resolution of commendation for his “extraordinary contributions to Vermont.” The University’s Center for Research on Vermont gave him its 2013 lifetime achievement award. In May of 2013 the department awarded Elizabeth Cantrell the first Frank M. Bryan Prize in American politics as the outstanding graduating senior in the field of American politics. At the College’s 2013 graduation ceremony Frank was elevated to the status of emeritus professor and addressed the graduating class. In February of 2014, Teresa Mares was selected as the first Frank M. Bryan Vermont Research Award [recipient](#).



Frank Bryan in Colorado in September of 2013

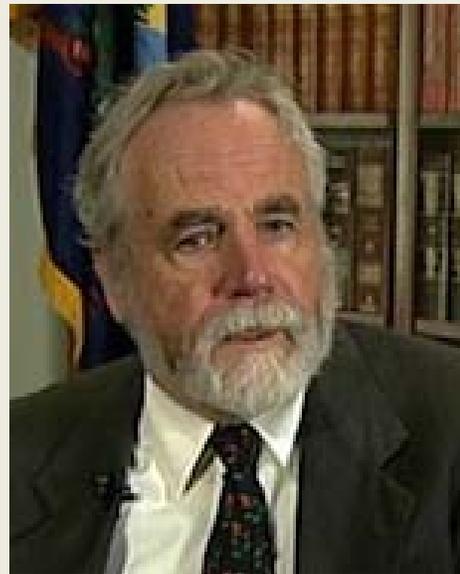
Frank is more than deserving of all of these plaudits. During his career he received every major teaching award the University has to offer, including the George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award, the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Lecturer Award. He authored or edited six scholarly books and published over forty scholarly articles. The capstone of his research was his book *Real Democracy: The New England Town Meeting and How It Works*, published by the University of Chicago Press. Robert Putnam of Harvard University wrote that it was "witty (about Vermont village life) and wise (about everything from Athenian democracy to the ecological fallacy)...Too few books are both fun and important, but this one is." Another reviewer called it "the best book I have ever read on local government."

For decades Frank has been the public voice of the University, explaining Vermont's politics and culture. He tirelessly traveled from one end of the state to the other in that endeavor. He was honored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and by Green Mountain Boys' State with their highest awards. In 2010 he received the Medallion Award from the National Association of Secretaries of State for his contributions to state government and civic education. Frank has been a dedicated teacher, indefatigable worker, model colleague, and steadfast friend. Everyone in the department wishes him well in retirement, and we hope that he finds the time to stop around every once in a while.

## Department Awards and Recognitions

On October 1, **Professor Garrison Nelson** gave the [Fall 2013 Dean's Lecture](#). Garrison's talk on "The Court Transformed: How it Happened, Why it Matters" focused on his recent research on the changing composition of the U.S. Supreme Court. Between 1789 and 1962, 47 percent of Supreme Court appointees had held major political posts in their pre-Court careers. Over the past fifty years, however, Supreme Court justices have been much less likely to have major political experience in their backgrounds.

The students, faculty, and senior administrators in attendance were treated to a lively and engaging discussion of the Court's recent transformation. Congratulations to Garrison on this well-deserved recognition!



Garrison's Dean's Lecture was also delivered at Loyola-Baltimore on September 17 as the Constitution Day Lecture and was presented as the Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture at Shippensburg (PA) University on October 21. Garrison gave the keynote address to the October 15-16 Congress-to-Campus symposium at Rhode Island College in Providence. That talk was entitled "A Governing Crisis: When It Happened, How It Happened, and Why It Happened."



On November 20, 2013, **Professor Patrick Neal** gave a College of Arts and Sciences [Full Professor Lecture](#) entitled “Human Rights: Religious and/or Secular Foundations?” In his lecture, Pat discussed the basis for the idea of human rights, focusing on the work of Michael Perry and Nicholas Wolterstorff in discussing whether human rights must be grounded in religious ideals.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, the Full Professor Lecture Series provides an opportunity for recently promoted faculty to share their research with the broader academic community at UVM. Pat’s lecture, attended by faculty, students, and administrators from across campus, stimulated many questions and an engaged discussion of human rights.

**Candace L. Smith**, Administrative Assistant in the Department of Political Science, received the **2013 Award for Superior Administrative Support**. This award recognizes outstanding effort and achievement in the support of the mission of the College.

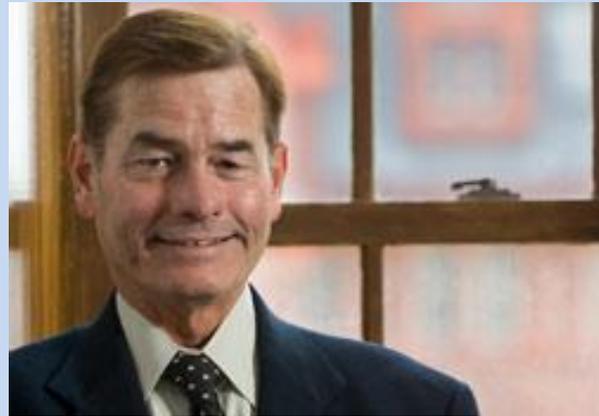
Candace has worked as the Political Science Department's administrative assistant for 32 years. As her former department chair said, "She is truly the institutional memory of the department." Members of the faculty commented that they consider her a colleague in the management of many tasks, looking to her not simply for administrative support, but for advice and counsel as well. She knows how to prioritize students' needs and is extremely helpful when it comes to the department's curriculum and major requirements, handling student issues with assurance. Clearly it helps that she was a major in the same department during her undergraduate years at UVM. Faculty also mentioned that she is funny! "She gets jokes and gives jokes right back." Says a faculty member, "Given how many tasks she has to juggle and how many different personalities with which she must deal, her sense of humor is an invaluable part of her management portfolio."

Congratulations to Candace for this well-deserved award and thank you for all you do for our department!



## Professor John P. Burke Named John G. McCullough Professor of Political Science

Professor John P. [Burke](#) was named the new John G. McCullough Professor of Political Science in May of 2013. John has been a member of the department for 30 years, beginning as an assistant professor in 1984. During that time he has authored or co-authored eight books and over 50 articles in journals and edited volumes. He is particularly known for his work on the presidency, including publications on presidential transitions and presidential decision-making in foreign policy. John served as department chair in the 1990s and as interim associate dean of the College in 2011-12. In 2009-10 he was one of the four [University Scholars](#), so designated for their outstanding research records. Congratulations to John on this well-deserved recognition!



John Burke continues the distinguished line of McCullough Professors in the department: Andrew Nuquist (1958-1975), Raul Hilberg (1978-1991), Alan Wertheimer (1991-2005), and Frank Bryan (2005-2013).

## Gund Professor of Liberal Arts Robert V. Bartlett Appointed Chair of the Department of Political Science

On July 1, 2013 Prof. Robert V. [Bartlett](#), Gund Professor of Liberal Arts, became the chair of the department. Bob is an internationally known scholar in the fields of environmental policy and politics. He has authored or co-authored four books and over forty articles in journals and edited volumes. He has been a Fulbright Scholar in New Zealand, Ireland, and Italy and has lectured all over the world. In the fall of 2012 he had the honor of being the [Dean's Lecturer](#) in the College.

Bob was appointed chair when the term of his predecessor, [F. Gregory Gause III](#), expired in 2013. Greg's colleagues in the department would like to note our appreciation to him for his service as chair from 2010 to 2013. Prior to Greg, the job was held by [George Moyser](#), who served as chair from 1997 until his retirement in 2010.

## John G. McCullough Professor of Political Science John P. Burke Named Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

In April of 2014, John P. Burke, the John G. McCullough Professor of Political Science, was appointed as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. John had served as interim associate dean from 2011 to 2012 and again from 2013 to 2014. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford University, and he received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Princeton. He joined the UVM faculty in 1984, was tenured in 1988, and promoted to full professor in 1995 before being named the John G. McCullough Professor of Political Science in 2013. John served as chair of the Department of Political Science from 1991 to 1995.

Although John's colleagues miss having him in the department on a regular basis, he is a great resource for the College, and we are pleased that he is bringing his expertise and experience to such an important position in the College.

## Recent Political Science Faculty Publications

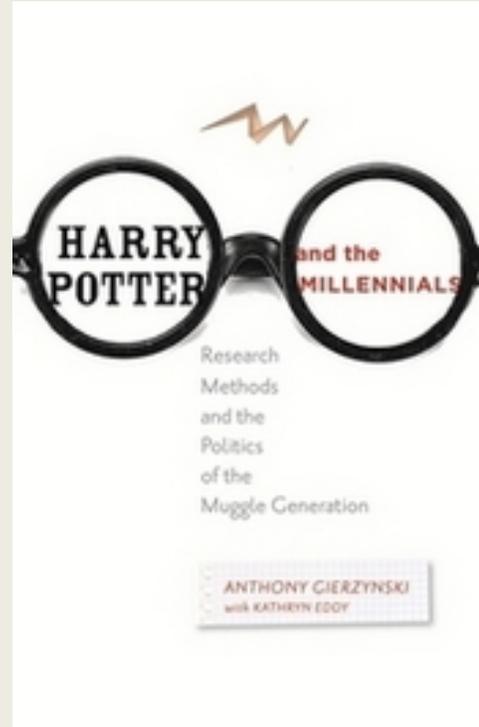
### Professor Gierzynski's New Book Garneres World-Wide Attention

Professor Anthony "Jack" Gierzynski's [new book](#), published with [Johns Hopkins University Press](#) and based on research done in collaboration with UVM political science students, has been garnering world-wide media coverage.

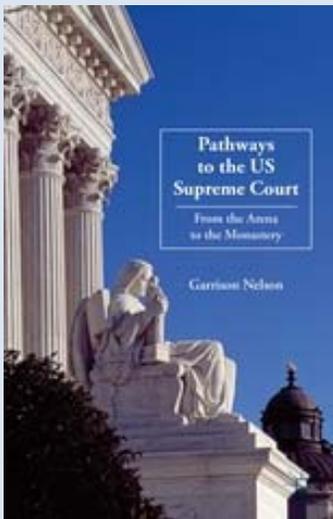
In an effort to examine the Harry Potter effect on the politics of its readers, Jack conducted a national survey of more than 1,100 college students in determining that Harry Potter fans are more politically tolerant, open to diversity, and less authoritarian than nonfans.

In the short time since it was released by Johns Hopkins University press in June 2013, Professor Gierzynski's *Harry Potter and the Millennials* has been featured in newspapers in places such as the U.K., Croatia, Canada, Australia, and India, as well as in a number of U.S. media outlets. The book was listed as one of the top ten reads of the summer in 20 Something Magazine and received coverage on the popular Harry Potter fan site Mugglenet.com. Most recently, on May 28, Jack was a guest on [Mugglenet Academia](#).

One write up of the reaction to the book is a piece that appeared in the Burlington alternative weekly paper [Seven Days](#).



### Professor Nelson's Book Examines Change to the U.S. Supreme Court



Not one to rest on his considerable laurels, Professor Garrison Nelson recently published his tenth book. Released by [Palgrave Macmillan](#) in December of 2013, *Pathways to the US Supreme Court: From the Arena to the Monastery* explores more than two centuries of appointments to the Supreme Court. Garrison tracks the shift from "the arena" (when consensus choices were more evenly divided between political leaders) to "the monastery" (characterized as the recent era fraught with controversial choices to the Court).

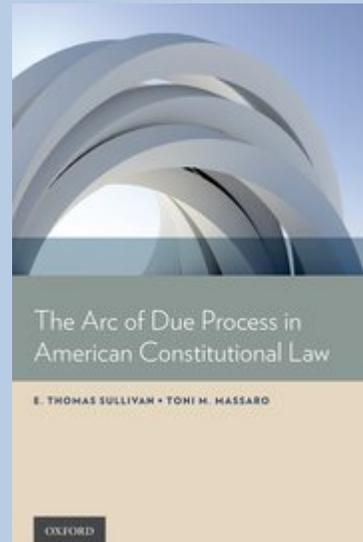
A nicely thorough write up of Garrison's book was recently published by [The Burlington Free Press](#).

## Professor and UVM President Sullivan's Books on American Due Process and Antitrust Law

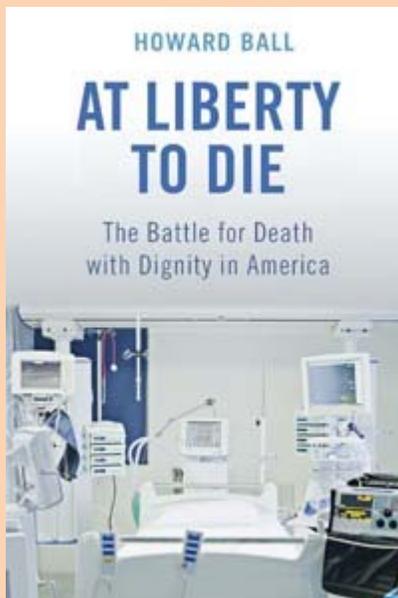
[E. Thomas Sullivan](#) became UVM's 26<sup>th</sup> President and Professor of Political Science in 2012. In April of 2013, his most recent book was published by [Oxford University Press](#). In *The Arc of Due Process in American Constitutional Law*, President Sullivan and Toni M. Massaro examine due process in the American constitutional context by tracing its historical underpinnings, charting the evolution of American due process, describing judicial analysis of rights, and identifying several norms spanning the disparate threads of due process.

President Sullivan is a nationally recognized expert on complex litigation and antitrust law. *The Arc of Due Process in American Constitutional Law* is the eleventh book authored by President Sullivan.

In 2014, President Sullivan released the seventh edition of *Antitrust Law, Policy and Procedure: Cases, Materials, Problems*, co-authored with Herbert Hovenkamp, Howard A. Shelanski, and Christopher R. Leslie. The sixth edition of *Understanding Antitrust and Its Economic Implications* (co-authored by Jeffrey L. Harrison) was also released in 2014. [Both books](#) are published by Lexis/Nexis.



## Emeritus Professor Ball's Book on the Freedom to Die with Dignity



Is it appropriate, legally and ethically, for a competent individual to have the liberty to decide how and when to die when faced with a terminal illness? This is the central question in Emeritus Professor Howard Ball's recent book *At Liberty to Die: The Battle for Death with Dignity in America*. Published by [New York University Press](#), Howard begins with an assessment of the changing nature of how we die before moving to an examination of contemporary legal and political developments in the death with dignity movement. Howard recently [discussed](#) his book in an interview with Jon Riedel of University Communications.

Howard Ball is Emeritus Professor of Political Science and University Scholar at the University of Vermont. Howard, former Dean of the College of Arts and Science, retired in 2002.

## Additional Faculty Publications

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Walter F. Baber and **Robert V. Bartlett**. 2014. "The Challenge of Slow-Motion Democracy: Synthetic and Progressive Rationalization of Mini-Public Deliberation." In *Challenges to Democratic Participation: Antipolitics, Deliberative Democracy, and Pluralism*, ed. André Santos Campos and José Gomes André. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, pp. 79-94.

**Eileen Burgin**. "Compromising Partisans: Assessing Compromise in Health Care Reform," (with **Jacqueline Bereznyak**, an alumna of the University of Vermont) *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* (July 2013): 209-241.

**Eileen Burgin**. 2014. "Where's the Consultation? The War Powers Act and Libya." *The University of New Hampshire Law Review* 12 (April): 175-217.

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Salmon A. Shomade, Roger E. Hartley, and [Lisa M. Holmes](#). 2014. "Lower Federal Court Judicial Confirmation Fights: A Critical Review of the Empirical Literature and Future Research Directions." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 47(1): 149-164.

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[Martha Thomas](#). 2013. "The Relationship between National Elections and the Delay in Transposition of EU Directives." *Politics & Policy*, 41(6): 911-946.

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[Zakaras, Alex](#). 2013. "Expensive Speech, Illegitimate Power: Corporations and Free Expression," *Polity* 45 (4): 525-553.

[Zakaras, Alex](#). 2013. "A Liberal Pluralism: Isaiah Berlin and John Stuart Mill." *The Review of Politics* 75 (1): 69-96.

## In Memory of Professor and General Douglas Kinnard

**Douglas Kinnard**, a member of our faculty for eleven years in the 1970s and 1980s, passed away at age 91 on Monday, July 29, 2013, in Chambersburg, Penn. After retiring from the U.S. Army, Brigadier General Kinnard earned his Ph.D. at Princeton and came to UVM as an assistant professor in the Political Science Department in 1973. He retired as a full professor in 1984. His contributions to the university community as a teacher, citizen, and scholar were many and significant.

In the words of his colleague Professor Garrison Nelson, Professor Kinnard “defined gravitas and was a tall, imposing man, but chose not to impose his will on others, and that was his most endearing quality.”



Professor Douglas Kinnard in 1977

## Louis Rakin Foundation Grant to Study the Arab Spring and Global Political Transitions

In July 2013 the Department received a \$30,000 grant from the Louis Rakin Foundation to study "The Arab Spring and Global Political Transitions." The purpose of the project, to be realized through teaching and research by UVM faculty and through presentations at UVM by other scholars, is three-fold: (1) to examine the course of the “Arab Spring” in light of past transitions to more democratic governments in other parts of the world; (2) to assess the impact of these Arab events on other world areas now and in the future; and (3) to develop recommendations based on this comparative scholarship for how Arab states and other states in periods of political transition can successfully develop stable and democratic political institutions. The project has three components: (1) support for four undergraduate “Rakin Seminar” courses in the UVM Political Science Department on these topics; (2) support for a “Rakin Symposium” lecture series that would bring scholars of these topics to the UVM campus for public lectures and participation in the “Rakin Seminars”; and (3) support for faculty research on topics related to the subject matter of the grant. The 2014 Rakin Symposium on “Assessing the Arab Spring” was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prominent scholars, including Amaney A. Jamal from Princeton University, David Siddhartha Patel from Cornell University, and Jillian Schwedler from Hunter College joined UVM Professor F. Gregory Gause for an excellent discussion of the “Arab Spring” and its aftermath.

In a previous grant in 2010-12, Rakin Foundation funding provided critical support for bringing speakers to campus to participate in two seminars that had been designated the Rakin Seminar, one on "Oil and Politics" and another on "Accountability Mechanisms in Transitional Politics"-- speakers who made those courses a special experience for our students. The Rakin Foundation grant also supported important research by several Political Science Faculty on such topics as understanding state-media relations in new African democracies and the impact of benefits from EU accession on internal migration within Poland.

## 2013-2014 Department of Political Science Events

### **UVM James Marsh Professor-at-Large Howard Dean**

During the 2013-2014 academic year, former Governor Howard Dean visited the Department of Political Science. In addition to providing two public lectures, Governor Dean visited multiple class sessions and met with individual students to discuss the students' interests and research projects. The two [public lectures](#) were lively, standing-room-only events. The first (on November 12, 2013) examined the influence of the "first global generation" on world politics and the second (on April 7, 2014) looked at the future of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare."

Thank you to Governor Dean for spending time with our department this year!

### **Department of Political Science Hosts Homecoming Weekend Panel**

Professors Garrison Nelson, Eileen Burgin, Lisa Holmes, and Greg Gause participated on a panel on "The 2012 Election and the Second Obama Administration" during UVM's 2013 Homecoming and Family Weekend. Many department alumni and guests attended and participated in a very spirited discussion on the current state of American politics and policy.

Reluctant to mess with a good thing that worked so well the first time, we are hosting another panel, this time entitled "The 2014 Election and the Second Obama Administration," at the upcoming 2014 Homecoming and Family Weekend on Saturday, October 11 at 10:30am on the third floor of the Old Mill Building. The homecoming weekend [website](#) has information on this and other homecoming events.

### **2013 Political Science Career Panel with Distinguished Alumni**

On October 1, 2013, the Department of Political Science sponsored a panel of distinguished alumni to discuss how they got where they are today and to give advice to the students in attendance. Moderated by Professor F. Gregory Gause, the panel included Julia Drost (Policy and Advocacy Associate, Women's Human Rights, Amnesty International USA), Don George (President and CEO, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont), Karen N. Meyer (Founder, KNM Connects, LLC), and Lisa Ventriss (President, Vermont Business Roundtable).

Thank you very much to the alumni who participated at this great event. If any department alumni would like to volunteer for future alumni career panels, please contact [Robert V. Bartlett](#), Chair of the Department of Political Science.

## **2013-2014 Lectures Sponsored by the Department of Political Science**

Distinguished Political Scientist Lecture Series: Pippa Norris, McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government on "Why Electoral Integrity Matters," 3 October 2013.

James Marsh Professors-at-Large Program: Public lecture by Howard Dean, former Governor of Vermont on "The First Global Generation and How They Are Changing Everything (At Least In Politics)," 12 November 2013.

Charles-Philippe David, Professor of Political Science at the University of Quebec at Montreal. "War and Peace in the 21st Century," 26 February 2014.

Mark L. Rosen Memorial Lecture Series: Andrew Bacevich, Professor of International Relations and History, Boston University, "Breach of Trust," 20 March 2014.

Rakin Symposium Panel Discussion: "Assessing the Arab Spring" Rakin Symposium, 3 April 2014. Panelists included Professor Gregory Gause (University of Vermont), Professor Amaney A. Jamal (Princeton University), Professor David Siddhartha Patel (Cornell University), and Professor Jillian Schwedler (Hunter College).

James Marsh Professors-at-Large Program: Public lecture, Howard Dean, former Governor of Vermont entitled "Does Obamacare Have a Future?" 7 April 2014.

Florence Davis Dean Lecture Series: Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and Emmy-winning producer on "Who Stole the American Dream?" 15 April 2014.

Dan and Carole Burak President's Distinguished Lecture Series: Charles-Philippe David, Professor of Political Science at the University of Quebec at Montreal, "The Globalization of Walls and Fences in International Relations," 23 April 2014.

## **Faculty in the News**

On March 4, 2014 (also known as Town Meeting Day this year), **Professor Emeritus Frank Bryan** and former Governor Jim Douglas discussed Town Meeting Day on Vermont Public Radio's [Vermont Edition](#).

On September 25, 2013 **Professor Eileen Burgin** was interviewed by Jon Reidel of UVM Communications on ["The Power of Personalized Policy."](#)

**Professor Michele Commercio** was interviewed by Lee Ann Cox of [UVM Communications](#) on April 2, 2014 about Russia's takeover of the Crimean peninsula in March. In April, Michele also provided an interview on the tension in eastern Ukraine with WCAX news.

On April 1, 2014, **Professor F. Gregory Gause III** was interviewed by Tom Ashbrook for National Public Radio's "On Point" regarding [Saudi-American relations](#). Among many other recent media appearances, Greg was interviewed by [The London School of Economics and Political Science](#) and Bernard Gwertzman from [the Council on Foreign Relations](#).

**Professor Garrison Nelson** was interviewed on January 21, 2014 by Jon Reidel of UVM Communications on his recent book on the ["Judicial Monastery."](#)

**Professor Emeritus Alan Wertheimer's** recent work with the National Institutes of Health on research ethics was the subject his December 2012 interview on [People and Perspectives](#).

**Professor Melissa Willard-Foster** and **Professor F. Gregory Gause III** participated on a panel on the crisis in Syria in September of 2013. The standing-room-only panel was covered in an [article](#) in *The Burlington Free Press*.

## Scenes from Graduation Weekend, 2014

2014 Department of Political Science Honors Day  
Recipients with Professor and Department Chair Robert V.  
Bartlett



(left to right) Alexander Jones, Emma Stern, Dr. Bartlett,  
Padraic Mackin and Anders Christiansen

Professor Melissa Willard-Foster presents the 2014 Alan P.  
Wertheimer Prize for the Outstanding Honors Thesis to  
Tyler D. Purinton



The 2014 Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony Keynote  
Address was given by Professor F. Gregory Gause III



Students and Faculty at the 2014 Induction Ceremony for  
the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society



# Department of Political Science Student Awards, 2014

Elliot A. Brown Award for the Outstanding Senior in Political Science\*

Alexander W. Jones

Warren R. and Mildred Austin Prize for International Peace and Security\*

Antonia David

Frank Bryan Prize for American Politics

Padraic T. Mackin

Departmental Prize in Comparative Politics

Anders Christiansen

Departmental Prize in Political Theory

Alexander W. Jones

Philo Sherman Bennett Essay Prize

Emma Katherine Stern

Alan P. Wertheimer Prize for the Outstanding Senior Honors Thesis

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\*Awards are named after distinguished UVM alumni.

## **Keep in Touch with the Department of Political Science at UVM**

The Department of Political Science would like to develop a web page documenting how some alumni have used their degrees post-graduation. Alumni interested in being profiled on this web page should submit their stories to Department Chair [Robert V. Bartlett](#).

For information and recent news on the Department of Political Science at UVM, please visit our [website](#).