A Dean’s Tribute
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT A GLANCE

University Enrollment Spring Semester 2016

FSU Total 37,580

4,725
12.5%

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY

Student Body Presidents since 1973 (Year of College Founding)

50%

Garnet and Gold Scholar Society

25%

Fulbright Awards and Grants

40%

National Fellowships and Scholarships

30%

Figures are for 2015-2016 academic year unless noted.
Our Mission
The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction, offering opportunities for professional development, and performing first class research to serve society.

Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

The college’s strategic plan is built on our existing strengths to:

- transform the educational experience for our most outstanding students;
- enhance new programs to help prepare tomorrow’s leaders in business, politics, government, and the nonprofit sector for a global society;
- build world-class research and teaching programs focusing on issues related to equality of opportunity, aging, and health that are critical to the state of Florida;
- develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of culture and social and political institutions on such issues as poverty, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations;
- use our path-breaking research to generate innovative solutions to economic, political, and social problems;
- achieve top quartile status among public institutions for all of our Ph.D. programs.

On the cover
Alum Dustin Daniels, Chief of Staff to Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, presented a city proclamation to Dean David Rasmussen at a reception honoring him, April 25.

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Dear Friends,

After serving for two years as Associate Dean of Development under Dean David Rasmussen, I was tapped for interim leadership of the college when he stepped down in May. He imparted a great deal to me, and I am so happy that this issue features a tribute to my good friend. It’s an honor to be part of the tradition, continuity, and progression of one of the nation’s finest schools of social sciences and public policy. David Rasmussen, in his 13 years as dean, and those who came before him did so much to create the dynamic culture of this college, and it’s a perfect fit for my passions for high quality and hands-on education, transformative research, and meaningful community engagement.

This is an exciting time to step into this new role as we build on this foundation and move forward. And this is truly a college on the move. As the world faces new and bigger challenges, our faculty expands and deepens its research to transform the planet and improve the lives of everyday people. Our students are getting the education and experience they need inside and outside the classroom to take their place as tomorrow’s most effective leaders in government and industry. Together, students and faculty are finding new ways to engage in community work that brings a wide array of benefits to the people and places that we touch, fostering global awareness, promoting financial literacy, and advocating for better governmental practices and more resilient communities.

In this period of transition, I want to assure our alumni and friends that the college will continue to pursue its core missions with vigor and pride. Beyond that, it is my desire to showcase the remarkable work we do here, and to that end we have some exciting new events and initiatives in the works (see page 8). In the coming months, we will also be refreshing the websites of many departments, centers, and institutes and rolling out a digital newsletter. All of this is aimed at connecting with the community beyond campus and keeping our more than 35,000 alumni better informed about the college’s many activities.

I am seeking greater engagement and commitment from our alumni to support the work of our award-winning faculty and students. The next time you find yourself on campus, I encourage you to stop by the venerable Bellamy Building and reconnect with your department or program. While Bellamy looks largely the same from the outside, you will find many inspiring new programs, ideas, and initiatives inside our walls.

As you enjoy this issue of Engage, I hope you take a moment to reflect on your own time at FSU. I have no doubt that memories will spring to mind of favorite professors and classmates, as well as transformative experiences both inside the classroom and out. In doing this you will know that your life has been shaped and made better by these people and these experiences. You are part of a great Tradition of Excellence at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and you will forever be a Seminole.

Tim Chapin

Interim Dean
Professor of Urban and Regional Planning

Tim Chapin
Dear Fellow Seminoles,

My graduation from Florida State University in 2011 was what many could characterize as an improbable event. I was the first in my family to graduate high school, from a community where few people are given the opportunity to improve their lives through higher education. Growing up, I saw my family and community struggle and watched many friends and peers fall short of their potential due to the violence, poverty, and hopelessness that characterized their location and situation. My family always expressed to me the power of getting an education, even though they had not had the chance to experience it for themselves. They always pushed me to dream bigger and attempt to fly higher than even they thought was possible.

From these humble beginnings, I could have never guessed the kind of life-changing opportunities that would come my way at FSU. Student government leadership, undergraduate research, international service in East Africa, the opportunity to complete my graduate studies at the London School of Economics – my life trajectory was forever changed by the things I was given during my time at Florida State.

I mention my personal story not because it is an extraordinary one but because there are hundreds of stories just like it that can be found all over our extraordinary college and university. The purpose-driven work of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy (COSSPP) is literally changing lives and giving students the tools they need to change the world.

When COSSPP states its mission is to give students “More Than a Degree,” you can believe it. In addition to a diploma, students can expect to find a passion and purpose, the opportunity to create meaningful impact, and a few life-long friends and mentors. From Social Science Scholars to the Global Peace Exchange and the World Affairs Program – these programs continue to develop the leaders of the future and prepare students for impactful roles around the globe. All this and more is the legacy of the college and the university, and one surely to be proud of.

I remember powerful feelings of both excitement and fear when I first applied to college. I wanted to position myself for the best opportunities I could and make my family proud. I went to all the sessions, took all the tours, and talked candidly to other students about their experience. I ultimately chose Florida State because of the philosophy of change that was clearly embedded in the faculty and staff I met.

Every school I visited told me how great their university was. At FSU, I was told how great I could be. That is the difference, and those are the values that our support as alumni seeks to protect and expand.

So here’s a call to action: Get involved, get engaged, and do all you can to help our college!

Continued success as a positive force in the world depends on us. I remain ever grateful for all I have been given by FSU and COSSPP and cherish the opportunity to pay it forward.

In Seminole Pride and Spirit,

Dustin Daniels

Dustin R. Daniels
(Economics/International Affairs, 2011)
Chief of Staff,
Office of the Mayor,
City of Tallahassee
David Rasmussen never intended to stay so long.

“Three years and I was gone.” That was his thinking when he first came to FSU as an assistant professor of economics in 1968. “I thought I wanted to teach at a small college in New England. I figured I could move from a Research 1 university to a teaching school but not the other way around.”

We know now, of course, that didn’t happen, and the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, as well as the entire university community, is better for it. In his time at FSU he has held several prominent posts, not the least of which is dean of the college from 2003 until stepping down in May 2016. Previously, he served as director of the Policy Sciences Center and the DeVoe Moore Center.

He has also been a teacher, researcher, and author of much acclaim, as well as a consultant and adviser for federal and international agencies, addressing important public policy questions, among them the economics of inequality, urban and regional economic development, crime and substance abuse policy, and housing economics. But it says much about the man that his proudest accomplishments have to do with students, their experiences on campus and their success in the world beyond.

As dean, David Rasmussen broadened and deepened the college’s commitment to providing undergraduates with extracurricular programs for professional development and academic enhancement. What is now known as our Get More Than a Degree initiative is the result of his great support for and promotion of such valuable opportunities as international study and service; internships and hands-on professional experience; career services and alumni mentorship; student organizations such as Global Peace Exchange (GPE),...
“Throughout his tenure as dean, David made sure that students both inside and outside the classroom had experiences that propelled them into successful futures. The success of Social Science Scholars, a program I have the privilege of interacting with, has made it a model for other colleges at Florida State University.”

– Marjorie Turnbull, former Florida Legislator

World Affairs Program (WAP), and discipline-specific groups; and applied/professional master's degree programs that prepare students for meaningful careers and active roles in public life.

The hallmark of this initiative is the Social Science Scholars program. Established in 2011, the program gives the college's most outstanding juniors unprecedented opportunities for leadership training and support for research and service projects. The scholars, chosen through a highly competitive process, carry out these projects in developing areas throughout the country and the world.

David's legacy is not limited to initiatives for learning beyond the classroom. Under his administration, the college has also seen the establishment and expansion of such academic programs as the master's degrees in applied economics and public health (which achieved full accreditation in 2014) and the XS/FS group, bringing scholars from diverse backgrounds together to use experimental methods for research on a wide range of social science topics.

“There is no doubt about the joy in creating and strengthening graduate and undergraduate programs,” he says. “I have really liked being able to support, with the financial contributions of our alumni, student organizations like GPE, WAP, the Monsignor Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative, and the FSU student chapter of the National Association for Business Economics.”

It has been a remarkable and rewarding 48 years at the university, but David Rasmussen is not done yet. For the next two years until his full retirement, he will be working at the college's Pepper Institute on issues related to the financial well-being of America's aging population. He also has his eye on designing a course for the new public policy concentration in the Interdisciplinary Social Science program. As for his legacy as dean?

“I hope the assessment of me is that I left the place better than I found it and that subsequent deans continued to build on aspects of initiatives I started.”

We wish him the best for his future endeavors and thank him for all he has done for the university and its students.

“David shepherded the college through the Great Recession of 2007-2009, when many universities and colleges struggled with their finances, closed programs, and cut student financial aid. Because of his brave decision to hold the line on our graduate programs and ride out the difficult period through strategic spending and excellent financial stewardship, the college maintained its enrollments and actually expanded its programs.”

– Tim Chapin, COSSPP Interim Dean
DO UNIVERSITIES SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH?

by
Shawn Kantor, Ph.D.
As with any large employer, universities create jobs and bring consumer spending into a local economy—benefits known to economists as multiplier effects. But the impact of research institutions like Florida State on economic growth is far more complex, as explained in this article by Shawn Kantor, director of the L. Charles Hilton Jr. Center for the Study of Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity.

Universities contribute to their local economies simply by virtue of being. They purchase goods and services from local businesses; they attract students and employees who spend on housing, food, entertainment, etc. All of this generates local economic activity. University public relations departments, however, often proclaim the university’s critical role in the local economy by wildly exaggerating the multiplier effects of university-related spending. To economists interested in the determinants of local economic growth, these PR claims are largely beside the point because most universities across the U.S. achieved their respective steady-state sizes many years ago. Even though they contribute to important fundamentals within a local economy, what’s far more interesting and important is whether research universities contribute to the dynamic growth of their respective local economies into the future.

Some argue that university research is a main driver of localized technological and economic development. Yet despite the prominence of high-profile university-industry partnerships in Silicon Valley, along Massachusetts’ Route 128 corridor, or within North Carolina’s Research Triangle, there has been surprisingly little research that has definitively measured the causal role that university research activities play in contributing to broad-based regional economic development or the extent to which they facilitate the clustering of knowledge-based economic activity.

The main empirical challenge in estimating the impact that universities have on local economies is that their activities do not occur randomly, thus confounding cause and effect. For example, universities benefit from the presence of highly productive and innovative neighboring firms and workers just as much as those firms do from the presence of a research university. These firms may provide the intellectual or physical capital needed for a university-industry partnership to be successful. Naively examining the cross-sectional correlation between university research and local economic progress may lead one to conclude that universities are the source of productive knowledge spillovers, when in fact the causal link is unclear.

My recent research has focused on finding “natural experiments,” either contemporary or historical, that enable us to identify the causal effect that universities have on their local economies. This methodology means finding an outside source of variation in what universities do that is independent of what is happening in their communities.

For example, in one study, my co-author and I looked at the opening of agricultural experiment stations at land-grant colleges in the late 19th century, and in another we examined the explosion in federal research and development spending in the 1960s associated with the Space Race. Both historical episodes represent dramatic shifts in federal policy that had nothing to do with local economic conditions but generated unexpected research funding at local universities.

In other recent research looking at modern universities, we consider significant and sudden changes, up or down—i.e., “shocks”—to universities’ endowment levels caused by fluctuations in stock market values. Such random shocks determine how much a university will be able to spend from its endowment in any one year. These endowments aren’t impacted by the local economy, making them a useful tool for measuring the effects of university spending. The question, then, in all of these projects is: Does proximity to university research matter?

In the endowment shock study, my co-author and I found that when spikes in endowment income from stock market fluctuations produce greater university research activity, the result is statistically significant productivity spillovers to other industries. In these cases, larger gains accrued to industries that had closer economic links to universities, as measured by their hiring of college graduates, citing of university patents, or sharing a set of workers that flowed between a specific industry and the university. The effects we measured are persistent, suggesting that a research expenditure shock at a university produces something more profound than a simple fiscal “multiplier effect.”

What remains unclear, and the source of exciting ongoing work, is how basic research conducted in universities actually impacts the very applied work that local industries perform. Answering this question will help illuminate the important role that research universities can play in fostering regional economic prosperity.

THE HILTON CENTER
was established with funding appropriated by the Florida Legislature that also created the position Shawn Kantor now holds as the L. Charles Hilton Jr. Distinguished Professor of Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity within the Department of Economics.

The center focuses on research designed to enhance the understanding of how legal, social, and political institutions influence market transactions and, thus, income levels, economic growth rates, and economic opportunity within and across geographic regions. Faculty and graduate students conduct research in a broad range of areas, including law and economics, public economics, public choice, industrial organization, new institutional economics, regulation, and economic history, geography and development. Kantor’s work on the economic impact of universities is one component of the center’s research focus.
BRINGING POLICY TO THE PEOPLE

On previous pages, Professor of Economics Shawn Kantor talked about the ways in which a research institution like FSU can affect the local economy. At the college, we recognize how universities can also contribute greatly to the cultural and intellectual life of a community, and to that end we frequently present internationally renowned scholars, journalists, and policy makers for lectures and presentations that are free and open to the general public.

Our endowed lecture series have for many years brought to the local community experts on foreign relations, the environment, the economy, the media, politics, and much more. Beginning in 2016, we’re also showcasing our diverse and highly accomplished faculty as they take their expertise and insights on the town to connect with the people of Tallahassee.

This past summer, social scientists for the first time joined physicists, chemists, and biologists at the Ask a Scientist booth at Railroad Square’s First Friday events, fielding questions from passersby about the upcoming election, social equality, extreme weather and climate change, sustainability, and the economy.

In September the college kicked off Policy Pub, a fun new series of informal monthly gatherings at Backwoods Bistro, where locals can grab a bite to eat and a beverage, sit comfortably at tables, and hear talks and ask questions about this mysterious thing called “public policy.”

Each day, policy decisions that directly affect our lives are made at the local, state, national, and global levels. What are these decisions? Who are the individuals and institutions that make them? How do these decisions get made and what effect do they have on our day-to-day lives? At Policy Pub, our faculty looks at these questions and engages with people in the community to come to an understanding of some of the most important issues of our time. While our endowed lecture series present longer, sometimes more scholarly talks, the Pub sessions are briefer, more relaxed, and in easily digestible layman’s terms.

The first three Policy Pubs have been scheduled for Tuesdays in September, October, and November from 5:30 p.m. to roughly 6:30-7:00. Naturally enough for this season, they focus on the national elections. Our political scientists and sociologists help us make sense of a perplexing presidential race (Collins Institute Director Carol Weissert, September 13), understand the factors that motivate voter behavior (Political Science Professors Brad Gomez and Robert Jackson, October 18), and examine the implications of the election outcome, particularly for health care and women’s rights (Pepper Center Director Larry Polivka and Sociology Professor Deana Rohlinger, November 15).

The series will start back up in the spring 2017 semester with a new range of compelling and important topics. We look forward to connecting with the community and hope you’ll join us (and spread the word) as we put the social in “social sciences” and the public in “public policy”!

ENDOWED LECTURE SERIES 2015-2016

Anderson-Ashby Lectureship on Public Policy Journalism
• “Can the Supreme Court Appear Neutral in a Partisan Age?” Robert Barnes, Washington Post Supreme Court correspondent (October 29, 2015)
• “Politics and the Press in an Angry Digital Age” Frank Sesno, former CNN White House correspondent (April 5, 2016)

Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series
• “The ‘Only Democracy?’ Challenges to Israel’s Democratic Future” Naomi Paiss, New Israel Fund Public Affairs Director (October 21, 2015)
• “Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Meltdown: Survival and Recovery in Japan” Daniel Aldrich, professor and director of the Security and Resilience program, Northeastern University (February 1, 2016)
• “Out of Order: Approaching North Korean Human Rights and Denuclearization” Panel featuring Korea experts Roberta Cohen, Keith Luse, David Maxwell (February 23, 2016)
• “Empowering Rural African Women to Direct Change and Take Charge” Molly Melching, founder and executive director of Senegal human rights organization Tostan (March 28, 2016)

Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Lecture Series
• “The Ethics of Dissent: Managing Guerrilla Government” Rosemary O’Leary, Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, University of Kansas (October 30, 2015)
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) celebrated its 25th anniversary at Florida State University with some very welcome news from the foundation that helps support it. The Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco announced in May that the institute was one of a select few among the 119 OLLIs throughout the country to be recognized for excellence with a $1 million endowment.

The highly competitive award required meeting stringent criteria, including membership of more than 1,000, curriculum, leadership, staff excellence, sustainability and volunteerism.

“We recognize that the program’s success represents the collective achievement of its excellent staff and dynamic community of intellectually vigorous members, who give generously of their time, talent, and financial resources,” said Mary Bitterman, president of the Osher Foundation. “We applaud the university’s leadership for its steadfast support of the institute and for embracing the notion that — at its best — education is a lifelong pursuit that has the power to elevate, delight, and forge our connection to one another and to a larger world.”

OLLI at FSU is a program of classes targeted to mature adults who want to learn in a stress-free environment where there are no tests and no homework – to learn just for fun and personal enrichment. Classes are taught by current and retired FSU faculty, graduate students, and faculty from Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College. The program is associated with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

In addition to academic classes, OLLI members can take advantage of the institute’s ongoing Noon Lecture Series and the college’s Broad International Lecture Series, both of which feature well-known speakers on a wide array of topics. Member benefits also include field trips to fascinating locations and events, an art and culture group, book clubs, travel and international clubs, Spanish and French clubs, a walking club, and a writer’s group. The program has been recognized by the Florida Legislature for “engaging older Floridians and enriching lives.”

Florida State University’s lifelong learning program predates its connection with the Osher Foundation. In 1991, seven individuals established the Senior Academy, which initially offered only two classes. The Senior Academy became part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute network in 2008. Over the years it has grown to nearly 1,300 members and more than 100 classes and programs. This is OLLI at FSU’s second million-dollar endowment from the Osher Foundation. The first was granted in 2012, based on membership growth to 500 and related criteria.

According to OLLI at FSU Director Debra Herman, the second endowment will help to underwrite the institute’s goals of expanding course offerings, lecture series, and other activities and to maintain affordable membership fees and tuition rates.

The anniversary celebration continued with a reception for OLLI staff, faculty, members, and supporters at the home of FSU President John Thrasher in June. At press time, a gala had been planned for mid-October.
One of the foundations of the college’s mission is to offer professional training that prepares students for rewarding and productive careers. Whether it’s through our Get More Than a Degree initiative for undergraduates, our social entrepreneurship focus, or our applied and professional graduate degrees, the college offers many ways for students to connect to the professional world beyond the classroom.

Many of our programs provide opportunities for hands-on, real-world projects and activities that not only offer valuable skills training and close connections with professionals in the field; they also benefit the larger community beyond the campus. Here is a look at just a few of those making an impact this past year.

**Prepping for Future Careers**

The certificate program in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) offers an Exercise Design class, taught by EMHS Senior Fellow Rob McDaniel, a former practitioner in the field. Students learn about and design disaster simulation exercises for specific clients and purposes using a program developed by the Center for Disaster Risk Policy, the institute that houses the EMHS program. Each student contributes ideas and ‘injects,’ the term for situations that drive the exercise and move the players to take action. At the end of the exercise, the students evaluate the results.

The training was put into action last December in an exercise in Wakulla County, Fla., to test the county’s response and short-term recovery readiness in the event of a Category 2 hurricane. During the four-hour event, representatives of a number of local agencies charged with fire rescue, law enforcement, school administration, health services, and hazardous materials experienced an interactive environment created by EMHS students and staff to assess potential problems during such an emergency.

Beyond the applied training, the EMHS program also provides students with placements and contacts they can use in their job searches. During the 2014-15 academic year, the program placed 26 interns in emergency management positions, nine of whom were offered jobs before their internship ended. Former student Jamie Leigh Price, now the mitigation planning manager for the Florida Division of Emergency Management, got her first internship through a conference she attended as part of the program, and her subsequent positions were a direct result of her participation in EMHS.

“You can read books, but until you do it yourself you have no clue what it is actually like,” Price said. “Not only does this give you hands-on understanding, it builds your resume. And through the program, I have met a number of people with whom I now regularly work.”

**Leveraging FSU’s Location**

The Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL) within the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) is a nationally-recognized place-based learning studio that draws upon academic and professional resources to provide innovative planning for the sustainable growth and long-term viability of communities. While working toward their master’s degrees, students in each semester-long FPDL studio course provide technical assistance and capacity to public and private partners throughout the state. The quality of the work and the valuable contributions to community partners have brought FPDL numerous awards from the American Planning Association.
Students conducted asset mapping, of greenways, historic sites, and trails, for St. Johns County, Fla., for its system enhancement. The FPDL project for the following semester was a master plan enhancement and the transportation disadvantaged. The project was part of the department’s ongoing research focus on automated vehicles, which includes a grant of more than $300,000 to DURP in 2014 to study how “robot car” technologies could enhance mobility for aging populations and the transportation disadvantaged. The FPDL project for the following semester was a master plan enhancement for St. Johns County, Fla., for its system of greenways, historic sites, and trails. Students conducted asset mapping, developed an ecotourism survey, and identified best practices from other jurisdictions. They held an open house in St. Augustine with citizens from the community to hear about their ideas for enhancing the county’s passive park system.

**Applied, Professional, Connected**

The college has increasingly promoted terminal master’s degrees in a range of disciplines as career training for the new student and a professional development tool for practitioners returning to the university to expand their knowledge and employment prospects.

The Master in Applied Economics is one example of a course of study that offers both skills training and the kind of connections that boost career options. Students in the program present their final projects at an annual summer symposium at FSU’s Turnbull Center, with faculty, college administration, and government and industry leaders present.

These capstone projects, undertaken for government and private sector clients, give students experience in performing practical economic research from start to finish, as commonly found in consulting projects or government agency reports. Additionally, students gain practical experience attending and preparing for regular meetings with senior partners, making formal presentations, and writing a final report.

In 2011, the Center for Demography and Population Health established its Applied Demographics Studio as a collaborative, multidisciplinary workshop providing reasonably-priced, data-intensive analytic and evaluation services to government agencies, businesses, and community organizations. Drawing on the expertise of faculty from multiple academic disciplines, including economics, geography, sociology, and urban and regional planning, the studio offers data analysis services, program evaluation, and needs assessments while giving students the opportunity to do real-world field work while still in school. In 2015-16, the studio secured contracts with such clients as the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the Rural Health Office of the Florida Department of Health.

The Askew School of Public Administration and Policy has a practitioner-in-residence (see page 17) who teaches public management, policy design and implementation, and leadership skills and leads outreach efforts to governmental, business, and nonprofit partners in Florida. A chief function of the position is to organize practicum studio courses to engage small working groups of students in projects for various clients. The final output of this course is a report of sufficient detail and quality to be suitable for presenting to a government committee or professional organization.
The social sciences produce leaders! Political science major Nathan Molina (center) was elected 2016-17 Student Body President in February. Nathan is the fifth student of the college in a row to hold the post (2012-13 Rueben M. Stokes, II; 2013-14 Rosalia Contreras; 2014-15 Stefano J. Cavallaro; 2015-16 Jean P. Tabares).

Shannon Morris (International Affairs/Political Science), a 2015 Social Science Scholar, received a grant from the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority to help support her Amazonia service project in South America. The project uses student volunteers in community development activities that help address education inequalities faced by indigenous communities of the Amazon region. FSU alum Flo Ashby, who along with her late husband, COSSPP alum Laird Anderson, established and sponsors an annual lecture series in the college, has been serving as a mentor to Shannon, within both Social Science Scholars and the sorority.

Three students from the college were among the 18 spotlighted and honored at the annual President’s Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence in September 2015: International affairs and studio art double major Gabriela Fulginiti (“Art and English Learning in Perception and Practice: Case Study in Rural India”), sociology-psychology major Daniel Hubbard (“Number of Deployments and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide”), and international affairs student Ljubica Nikolic (“Skillset of Women in Tafi Atome, Ghana”).

Ph.D. students Megan Bond and James Wood (Urban and Regional Planning) were named Doctoral Research Fellows of the Center for Accessibility and Safety for an Aging Population, the federally funded University Transportation Center at FSU. Their honors were announced September 18, 2015, as part of the center’s annual Transportation Day events. Two master’s students in the department, Kayla Costello and Donald Morgan, were named to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program, which seeks to attract “the brightest minds to the field through education, research, and workforce development.”

Grad student Daren McCurdy (International Affairs) was part of the team that won the 2016 InNOLEVation Challenge sponsored by FSU’s Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship. Daren is COO of the social enterprise Unhoused Humanity, which uses crowdfunding and community connections to raise the necessary funds to get homeless people off the streets. Other COSSPP students involved in this innovative organization are Denver Governor, a senior in international affairs and political science, and Healy Dwyer, a double major in planning and environmental studies.

At its annual conference in Little Rock, Ark., in November, the North American Conference on British Studies awarded Colby Ellis (Political Science/History) its Undergraduate Essay Prize for his essay “William III and the Decision to Accept a Joint Constitutional Monarchy.” Colby, who served as 2015-16 chair of the college’s Student Leadership Council, is the second FSU student in three years to win the prize.

The Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement provides funding for research, creative projects, and idea development through its annual IDEA Grant. Each student winner receives up to $4,000 for a summer project to be presented at the annual President’s Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence in the fall semester. Molly Conrad (International Affairs) won an IDEA Grant this year for her research on successful integration of refugees.

The Garnet and Gold Scholar Society inducted a record number of students this year – 258 over three semesters (summer and fall 2015, spring 2016). Although the college accounts for only about 12.5% of the total university student population, our students make up 25% of the society’s inductees this year – 64 in total. The Garnet and Gold Scholar Society recognizes undergraduate students who
excel within and beyond the classroom in at least three of five areas: international experience, internship, leadership, research, and service.

**Kelly Grove**, a Ph.D. student in sociology, was given a Social Actions Initiative Award from the organization Sociologists for Women in Society. The $1,000 cash prize will help support her project, UASK (University Assault Services Knowledge), a website and downloadable phone app that provides users with community-specific sexual assault, domestic violence, and intimate partner violence resources.

Graduate Teaching Assistant **Judith Cuadra**, a Ph.D. student in urban and regional planning, received a Distance Learning Award for Excellence in Online Mentoring for the course International and Comparative Disaster Management, offered through the Askew School’s Emergency Management and Homeland Security program. The award recognizes online teaching assistant service that demonstrates highly effective strategies for student support and engagement.

Political science major **Danny Pooler** was elected as one of six delegates representing Leon County at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in July. Danny, elected as a delegate for Bernie Sanders, was a tireless campaigner for the senator from Vermont and an active member of Noles Want Bernie and Big Bend for Bernie.

**WORLD AFFAIRS PROGRAM: 30 YEARS OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

The World Affairs Program (WAP), Florida State University’s competitive Model United Nations and Crisis Simulation team, celebrated its 30th anniversary with a banquet, April 9, a time to mark the accomplishments of the past and look to the future of this vital student organization.

The primary mission of WAP is to promote an increased awareness of the global community, while at the same time encouraging personal, social, and political growth among those who participate in the program. Membership is free and open to students of all majors and levels. WAP members have the chance to represent FSU in a rigorous academic setting, traveling widely and continuing a legacy of top finishes at university level competitions.

Last October at Boston University, the group’s Model UN team won an Outstanding Delegation Award, a notable achievement for a Southern public institution competing against tough challengers from Harvard, UPenn, Georgetown, and NYU. The team also won multiple individual awards, bringing the conference to a close with a feeling of pride and excitement over “beating the Ivies.”

In the spring 2016 semester, WAP participated in the Florida Crisis Simulation at the University of Florida, winning first place and placing in every committee at the conference. The following weekend WAP competed at the West Point Model UN Invitational where delegates once again competed with schools from all across the country. The team placed second with an Outstanding Delegation award, losing to Georgetown by less than a point.

WAP has a large and loyal group of alumni throughout the globe, many of whom are concentrated in the Washington, D.C., area – not surprising, considering the group’s emphasis on public service and policy engagement. WAP alumni support the program financially and by giving of their time and energy to various events and activities (see photo on page 35).
We're very proud of our outstanding undergraduate and graduate students here at the college, and it's gratifying to see that they are recognized beyond the walls of the Bellamy Building.

**National Awards and Fellowships:**

- U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship: Paige Dabney (International Affairs/Geography), Remi Wyszynski (International Affairs/Japanese), Darren McCurdy (International Affairs), Darrell Kilpatrick (Economics)
- Fulbright U.S. Student Grants for a year of study, research, or teaching English overseas: Jesse Smith-Appelson (Sociology/Environmental Studies) Spain, Paige Dabney (International Affairs/Geography) Turkey, Caroline Miranda (International Affairs/Finance) Malaysia, Carolina Echeverri (International Affairs/Caribbean Studies) Brazil, Jacqueline Rojas (International Affairs/Political Science) Portugal
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: Stella Min (Sociology)
- Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for program expenses in another country for an academic year: Matthew Hebron (International Affairs)
- Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program: Ljubica “Kiki” Nikolic (International Affairs)
- Udall Scholarship for undergraduates working to preserve and protect their national heritage through studies in the environment: Savannah Rodriguez (Environmental Studies)
- Rangel Summer Enrichment Program support for six-week summer program at Howard University: Amanda Schell (International Affairs/Statistics)
- Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for study abroad: Marsha Isma (Political Science) Ghana, Mary Meade (International Affairs) Tanzania, Karina Vasquez (Political Science) Spain, Julia Jensen (Political Science) United Kingdom

**Leadership Awards Night, Division of Student Affairs:**

- Student Seminole Awards for leadership and service: Nikki Bhavsar (Political Science), Daniela Donoso (International Affairs), Andrew Gallagher (Interdisciplinary Social Science)
- Outstanding Student Leader of the Year: Alexandra Cabrera (Political Science)
- Dean’s Cup: Allison Maldonado-Ruiz (Sociology) and Jesse Smith-Appelson (Sociology/Environmental Studies)
- Sean A. Pittman Award for outstanding leadership with significant contributions to the welfare and support of African-American students: Cecil Matthews (Interdisciplinary Social Science)
- Instant Impact Student Leader of the Year: Erika Rivera (International Affairs)
- Inter-Residence Hall Council President of the Year Award: Tessa Shurr (Political Science)
- Global Citizen Award: Jesse Smith-Appelson (Sociology/Environmental Studies)

**Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence:**

- Frank Annie (Geography): Three-Minute Thesis Second Place
- Natalie Bonus (Public Health), Spence Purnell (Public Administration), Rachel Smith (Public Administration): Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship
- Stephanie Bradley (Sociology): John F. Liseno Program for Instructional Excellence Graduate Award
- Stephanie Bradley (Sociology), Brandon Brice (Economics), Blair Thomas (Public Administration): Program for Instructional Excellence Teaching Associates
- Pierce Dignam (Sociology): McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
- Lacey Ritter (Sociology): Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
The Swedish Research Council announced in November 2015, it will fund a multi-disciplinary team from Sweden, Uganda, South Africa, the U.K., and the U.S. to develop crucial knowledge about urban infrastructure challenges in Africa and the developing world. Mary Lawhon (Geography) is part of the research team that is focusing on waste and sanitation in Uganda. The project uses a political-ecological framework to understand sustainable transitions based on everyday experiences among the poor, while linking to higher-level policy levels and regional discussions.

Robert Crew (Political Science) received the 2016 Diane Blair Award from the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) at the organization’s conference in Puerto Rico, January 8, 2016. The award is presented biennially to a political scientist who has played an outstanding role in politics and/or government at the local, state, national or international level. Crew is also the associate dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, director of the Master in Applied American Politics and Policy program, and director of the Interdisciplinary Social Science program. He has been with the Department of Political Science since 1989.

The FSU Council on Research and Creativity awarded Stephanie Pau (Geography) $13,000 to do fieldwork and satellite imagery analysis of deforestation in Sumatra, Indonesia, during summer 2016. The project seeks to use super high-resolution satellite data and ground measurements to quantify the environmental outcomes of land use. This region of Indonesia, a coffee cultivation center, is the last place on earth where the Sumatran rhinoceros can be found and is home to a globally important population of Asian elephants, many of them living in poor conditions. Empirical data from tropical agro-ecosystems will have wide applications for future studies addressing such topics as the carbon cycle, climate change, ecosystem functioning, and biodiversity conservation.

William Butler (Urban and Regional Planning) attended the National Collaborative Forest Restoration Workshop hosted by the U.S. Forest Service in Denver, April 26-28, 2016. He spoke on two panels to deliver research on the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), established by Congress in 2010 to fund restoration projects developed and implemented by groups working on public lands. Butler helped organize the event as a member of the advisory committee and served on the keynote panel for a day-long workshop focused on cross collaborative learning within CFLRP.

In Denver, Butler met with U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell to share results of his research on the CFLRP collaborative projects. Butler’s work examines how the Forest Service and groups focused on public land projects are navigating the transition from planning to implementation and monitoring in a program that requires a high degree of collaboration. His work related to this project has been published in the Journal of Forestry, Environmental Management, and the Journal of Environmental Planning and Management.

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Two of the college’s faculty received prestigious, highly competitive Fulbright Awards in the 2015-16 academic year. **Rebecca Miles** (Urban and Regional Planning) was awarded the Fulbright to support her research in India in 2016-2017. Miles will be conducting two-fold research. She will examine the changing living arrangements of older adults in different parts of Kerala, India, and how they affect the health and quality-of-life of seniors. She will also study what communities are doing to enable older adults to age optimally in community settings and to make it easier for families to support and care for their loved ones as they age.

This important research has significant implications for India and elsewhere. As a preliminary, Miles and **Lisa Turner de Vera**, associate director of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences program, spent two weeks in India in summer 2015 to build relationships with local planning educators and researchers and to collect stories, photos, and documents to help them better understand the context of planning and development in that part of the world.

**Professor of Political Science and Director of the LeRoy Collins Institute Carol Weissert** was awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in 2015, the most prestigious appointment in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Weissert, the LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar Chair, spent four months during the spring semester 2016 at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, comparing the influence of state elected officials on national health policy over the past decade. Both the U.S. and Australia are federations with strong state governments, and both have experienced a surge in partisanship in recent years that has affected the role of states.

**Frances Berry**, the Reubin O’D. Askew Eminent Scholar and Frank Sherwood Professor of Public Administration in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, delivered the Donald C. Stone Lecture at the American Society of Public Administration’s 2016 Annual Conference in Seattle, March 2016. Berry was elected a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in 2006 and selected as a Fulbright scholar to the Republic of China in 2009. She received the 2013 Distinguished Research Award, given annually to a scholar whose work has made a significant impact on the field of public administration.

**Joseph Calhoun** (Economics) and **John Reynolds** (Sociology) received the university’s Undergraduate Teaching Award in recognition of their excellence. Nominations are submitted by students and alumni, and each recipient receives a $2,000 cash prize.

**Eric Coleman** (Political Science) was given the university’s Developing Scholar Award, which recognizes mid-career associate professors who have been singled out by their peers. He receives $10,000 to be used in his research. Coleman analyzes the propensity of groups of people to successfully manage resources such as forests and rivers. He has a particular interest in applications from developing countries and has worked on projects in Bolivia, Bulgaria, Colombia, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Spain, and Uganda.
Gary Van Ladingham joins the Askew School this year as practitioner-in-residence, the position previously held by the late Gov. Reubin Askew and dedicated to improving the professional skills of students in the Master in Public Administration program. He will teach public management, policy design and implementation, and leadership development and lead outreach efforts to governmental and other partners in Florida. The practitioner-in-residence is also charged with organizing practicum studio courses to engage small working groups of students aimed at satisfying the needs of a real-world client. These projects will identify a problem of government, gather and analyze relevant data, interview experts and key stakeholders, and culminate in a final report.

Van Ladingham is an Askew School alum (M.S., Ph.D.) with more than 30 years of experience conducting and leading policy studies at the state and local government levels. He served as director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the Florida Legislature’s policy research and evaluation arm, for seven years; staff chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures; chair of the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society; and president of both the Southeast Evaluation Association and the North Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. Since 2011, he has been the director of the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, working to help states eliminate ineffective programs and shift resources to those that generate the best outcomes.

The Askew School also welcomes to the faculty Tian Tang, whose research interests include environmental and energy policy, and Daniel Fay, who conducts research on organizational theory, diversity, veterans’ policy, and higher education policy and management.

The annual Cresse Lecture was delivered this year by University of Kansas professor and award-winning author Rosemary O’Leary: “The Ethics of Dissent: Managing Guerrilla Government,” her term for career public servants who clandestinely disobey the will of their superiors in order to do what they think is right. In conjunction with the talk, the Askew School also presented a panel discussion, October 30, 2015, on “Guerrilla Employees: Should Managers Nurture, Tolerate, or Terminate Them?”

ECONOMICS
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Jonathan Kreamer (Ph.D. University of Maryland; post-doc Columbia University) joined the department in the fall 2016 semester as an assistant professor. Manoj Atolia was promoted to full professor. John Hamman was promoted to associate professor. Gary Fournier and Bruce Benson have retired from the faculty, and Jim Gwartney stepped down as director of the Stavros Center. It is now headed by Joe Calhoun.

Student Danielle Parks was selected to present her Honors in the Major thesis at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of North Carolina Asheville in April 2016. Her paper, “The Effect of Economic Globalization on Transnational Terrorism,” was chosen from more than 4,000 submissions.

The FSU student chapter of the National Association of Business Economics (NABE), the nation’s premier association of those who use economics in their professions, hosted its annual financial literacy.
event at the student union in conjunction with the Economics Club and GenFKD, featuring booths and tables with games designed to illustrate important personal economic principles for the general student population. Thanks to support from the college's general development fund and generous alumni such as John L. Holcomb, NABE chapter members get to travel to the national organization's annual meeting, as well as economic policy and forecasting conferences and career fairs. Chapter meetings regularly bring guest speakers willing to share their knowledge, experience, and career advice, such as economics alum Shana Case, an associate with Charles Rivers Associates. The group also sponsors and hosts conferences, seminars, and workshops, such as the Foundation for Economic Education conference on income inequality in February.

Students in the master's program in applied economics presented their final projects at the annual symposium, July 29, 2015, at FSU's Turnbull Center, with faculty, college administration, and industry leaders present. These capstone projects give students experience in performing practical economic research from start to finish, as commonly found in consulting projects or government agency reports. Additionally, students gain practical experience attending and preparing for regular meetings with senior partners, presenting formal presentations, and writing a final report. The Michael Norrin Outstanding Project Award went to Ian Fitton, Margaret Mohlenhoff, Katherine Ruane, and Alex Korpanty for investigating and analyzing the cost savings that Florida State University would realize by converting to “smart” LED lights. The Josh Mikels-Stan Shaffer Award for Outstanding Student was presented to Mia Goodnature and Spencer Wilkins. The program acknowledges the Holcomb family for its generous financial support in honor of Ralph Kaul; Julie Harrington at the Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis and Regional Economic Models, Inc. for the use of the Florida version of the REMI econometric software; and former Dean David Rasmussen for his longtime support of the program.

Economics alum Tim Gunning, senior manager at Ernst & Young in New York, came to campus, January 13, 2015, to talk to applied economics students about some key topics they’re studying in the master’s program. After giving them valuable information from his experience and expertise in the field, he also talked with them about career opportunities, one of the great benefits our engaged alumni bring to current students in the college. He also met with Ph.D. student Michael Babington, recipient of the Thomas McCaleb Scholarship, an award Tim and his wife Katharine endowed in 2013 in honor of Gunning’s former professor, mentor, and longtime friend.

The department has developed a new undergraduate degree program called Environment and Society, which began accepting students in the fall 2016 semester. Replacing the environmental studies major, the program offers a STEM degree and explores how humans both affect and are affected by changes in the natural environment. It combines courses from the social sciences and the physical sciences to investigate today’s pressing issues, such as ecosystem management, climate changes, resource conservation, land use planning, severe storm mitigation, and environment health. A key part of the program is the examination of how those issues are scientifically evaluated and their resolutions formulated into public policy.
Initiative), and quantifying the potential for marine aquaculture expansion in the Caribbean.

Tyler McCreary has also joined the department as assistant professor. His research interests encompass geographies of race and indigeneity, colonialism and racialization, environmental justice, political ecology, legal geographies, and labor geographies. He has been working on a number of studies relating to indigenous people in Canada. He has a Ph.D. from York University in Toronto.

Longtime faculty member Earl Baker received emeritus status in spring 2016. Baker joined the department in 1974. Although he retired in 2014, he continues to provide helpful advice about matters related to the department, college, and university.

Assistant Professor David Folch is part of a project at the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (FSRDC) to improve federal statistics. After the 2000 census, the U.S. Census Bureau changed its methodology for collecting detailed demographic data on the U.S. population. The changes resulted in a large increase in the uncertainty of the estimates. The bureau and the National Science Foundation created a network of eight “nodes” to conduct basic research. Folch is a principle investigator on the spatial sciences node working at the intersection of spatial and statistical sciences. His is the first team to link individual census records to latitude/longitude points on the ground. With this linkage, they are able to study microscale spatial patterns, which are fundamental to understanding urban social structures.

Two outstanding international affairs students, Emilie Easton and Olivia Ponrick, were selected as the 2016 recipients of the Richard Gray Scholarship, named for the first director of the IA graduate program. Easton went to Bolivia this past summer as part of the Global Scholars Program to teach English to primary school students and conduct research on human trafficking and indigenous cultures. Ponrick spent her summer in Costa Rica attending a Spanish immersion program to improve her language skills, which will help in her goal to work on preservation of the South American rainforests.

Student Shauna Gillooly showcased her research on social movements in Latin America at the National Collegiate Research Conference at Harvard University. The conference gave undergraduates from schools throughout the U.S. the opportunity to learn about, collaborate, and discuss the importance of conducting research at the undergraduate level.

International affairs alums met with current students last October to talk about opportunities for graduates and key issues that those in the field are working on. On the panel were Eric Reading, executive vice president of Chemonics, a development company working for social and economic change around the world; Jordan Raup, mobile banking consultant at Chemonics; and William Clay, adjunct faculty and special adviser in the Division of Nutrition and Consumer Protection for the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Reading also serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC), a broad-based, influential network of more than 400 businesses, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders who support strategic investments to elevate diplomacy and development “to build a better, safer world.”

The 2016-17 academic year offers the option to complete an ISS major through departmental or specialized concentrations in such traditional areas as environmental studies, public service, law and society, and urban studies, or through the program’s concentrations in public policy or social entrepreneurship and innovation introduced last year.

Students pursuing a specialized concentration in public policy develop their abilities as policy advocates and analysts by focusing attention on four areas of contemporary importance to Florida and to the nation: health and aging, poverty and inequality, risk management, or governmental regulation. Undergraduates study policy impacts on society through classroom exercises, opportunities to work with professionals in these fields, and exposure to the process of policy making in a democratic society.
The social entrepreneurship and innovation (SEI) specialization provides theory and practice for students who are socially conscious and entrepreneurially focused. Each fall and spring semester, the specialization places students to serve as interns with community partners. The SEI program has built strong relationships with mission-driven organizations like Greater Frenchtown’s Marketplace and Heritage Hub, Tallahassee Food Network’s iGrow, Domi Ventures, the Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, Unhoused Humanity, and other dynamic and impactful organizations.

Students are also making an impact globally. The SEI program placed two students from the college in international internships this past summer through a partnership with Global Peace Exchange (GPE), a student-led organization that focuses on sustainable community development overseas. Dempsey Weaver is working to provide business-development workshops and mentoring to university students in Rwanda to spur innovation, entrepreneurship, and social impact. In Ghana, Kiele Cabrera is working with a local women’s group, Compassionate Journeys, to support the continued development of women-led enterprises aimed at creating economic empowerment.

Students may also pursue their academic interests in this field through directed individual study (DIS). One student who participated in a DIS with Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence Bruce Manciagli, analyzed the work she had facilitated on a micro-lending program in Cameroon during the previous summer, while another student developed a business plan for, and prepared to launch, a social enterprise in Haiti focused on access to clean water and energy.

Students from across the university, regardless of major, can pursue a specialization in social entrepreneurship and innovation and participate in internships.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*Charles Barrilleaux, Chair*

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**Dale Smith**, Piccard Professor of Political Science and co-director of the Global and Public Affairs Learning Community, accepted a position at UNC-Charlotte as professor and chair of the Global, International, and Area Studies department.

Smith joined the FSU political science faculty in 1987 and served as department chair from 1999-2014. He received two teaching awards, two Teaching Incentive Awards, and directed more than 20 doctoral dissertations. His undergraduate and graduate teaching evaluations are always among the strongest in the department.

Professor Smith’s mentorship of graduate students has been remarkable. He has worked selflessly with students, helping them produce their best work. His students are placed around the world in research universities, liberal arts colleges, and think tanks. He has been especially committed to helping FSU undergraduates take advantage of opportunities for international education. To that end he and his wife, Karen, directed the FSU Istanbul Study Abroad program from 2009-2014. His move will give him the opportunity to build an international learning program and to develop an interdisciplinary faculty. The Department of Political Science will miss his contributions to our program and students but wishes him and Karen the best in their new circumstances.

**William J.M. Claggett** was designated Professor Emeritus of Political Science following his retirement in May 2016. He joined the FSU faculty in 1984, after serving previously at the State University College at Buffalo, N.Y. (1977-79) and the University of Mississippi (1979-84). He also had visiting terms at the University of Iowa (1983) and Nuffield College, Oxford University (1986-1991). Claggett received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1978 and is an expert on American politics, with particular research and teaching interest on American political change, political parties, and political behavior. He has had a productive
career in both research and teaching and he's contributed generously to the political science program's intellectual life.

The department welcomes the following new faculty for the 2016-17 academic year:

- **Miranda Yaver** (Ph.D., Columbia 2015) is a specialist in American politics with a focus on political institutions. Yaver was at Washington University on a post-doc in 2015-2016.

- **Kai Ou** (Ph.D., NYU 2016) is a specialist in comparative politics and a member of XS/FS, a diverse group of scholars from the college who use experimental methods to engage in research on a wide range of topics in the social sciences.

- **Ben Schneer** (Ph.D., Harvard 2016) studies American politics and quantitative methods. His interests include political communication, elections, Congress, and business and government.

Two students were honored at this year’s department awards ceremony:

- **Roberta Skinner** won the Charles Billing Public Service Award, given to a student who demonstrates a strong record of volunteerism while maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA. She has accumulated hundreds of volunteer hours during her time at FSU, including service with Habitat for Humanity, Camp Dixie Ministries, Escambia County schools, Every Nation's Children's Church, and the Network of Enlightened Women, and as philanthropy chair for the FSU College Republicans.

- **Kyle Medin** received the Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Award, given annually to a student of 60 credit hours and excellent academic record. He has been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha honor societies and completed the Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate program. He has also been active in environmental affairs and founded and edits the online climate change news site Today's Apathy = Tomorrow's Agony. He served as an intern for Progress Florida.

Wood has been visiting community agencies and meeting with public health leaders in each of the ten counties of the Big Bend region, as well as with the Florida Department of Health, to offer faculty expertise to community organizations working to improve health status and linking faculty with workforce training needs. These activities also help open volunteer project and internship opportunities for public health students.

Wood also developed partnerships between the FSU public health program and the state Department of Health, the Florida Public Health Association, the College of Medicine, and the Florida Association of Community Health Centers to organize the Florida Public Health Association North Florida Regional Conference in September 2016.
Former U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire made his annual visit to a meeting of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), April 5, 2016, to talk about career opportunities and present the Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Student Achievement in Public Health Policy Award to Samantha Legg, PHSA president for the 2015-16 academic year. Altmire is currently the Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Community Engagement for Florida Blue.

**SOCIOLoGY**

*John Reynolds, Chair*

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This year the department was fortunate to be joined by Miranda Waggoner from the University of Virginia and Paromita Sanyal from Cornell University. Waggoner’s research examines the interplay between culture, science, health, and medicine with a particular focus on the social and cultural dimensions of public health and reproduction. She has studied cultural shifts in relation to prenatal care, epigenetics, and “new epidemics.” Sanyal’s research explores economic development programs and political reforms in rural India and their implications for social conditions and women’s empowerment.

The department and college congratulate Isaac “Ike” Eberstein on his retirement and on being awarded professor emeritus status. Ike spent 35 years on the faculty at Florida State and contributed outstanding service to the university. He served as department chair from 1996 to 2004 and again 2010-2015. In between, he was director of the Center for Demography and Population Health (2007-2010).

Various media and online outlets reported this year on the work of Professor Irene Padavic and her colleagues from other universities, including two articles in the *New York Times*. Their study of a midsize global consulting firm in the Northeast identifies the significant downsides of an organizational culture of overwork. Padavic teaches courses in family problems and social change (undergraduate) and inequalities, gender, and family-work-linkages (graduate). Her research interests include workplace inequality. Her students awarded her Outstanding Faculty Mentor this year.

At the department’s annual awards ceremony, the following students received honors: Andrew Mannheimer (Graduate Teaching Award), Stella Min (Allen Klar Graduate Student Paper Award), Haley Gentile (Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award), Rebecca Redmond (Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award), and Jesse Smith-Appelson (Undergraduate Paper Award, Department Paper Award). Associate Professor Kathryn Tillman won the J. Michael Armer Faculty Teacher Award.

Professor Deana Rohlinger made multiple public appearances through the past year talking about her research and disseminated her scholarship in mainstream outlets such as the *U.S. News and World Report*. Rohlinger is a recognized expert on the various ways activists use mass media to influence the political process, and her work has been featured in media stories on the 2016 presidential election and on recent changes in abortion politics. She was videotaped in October 2015 talking about social movements for an international project by SAGE Publications tapping leading sociologists to give video lectures on topics related to their expertise. In November, she was featured at the 2015 FSU Faculty Luncheon Series discussing her most recent book, *Abortion Politics, Mass Media, and Social Movements in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

**URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

*Jeff Brown, Chair*

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The Department of Urban and Regional Planning celebrated its 50th anniversary with a series of events that culminated in on-campus festivities, March 18-19, 2016. During its 50 years, the department has graduated more than 1,500 master’s and doctoral students who have worked in all 50 states and more than 30 countries.
Associate Professor Christopher Coutts published a new book, Green Infrastructure and Public Health. Quoting from the publication announcement: “This book presents the case for fundamental human dependence on the natural environment and creates a bridge between contemporary science on the structure and form of a healthy landscape and the myriad ways that a healthy landscape supports healthy human beings.”

Coutts moderated a panel discussion at the Center for Global Engagement in November 2015 that also included DURP faculty members William Butler, Tisha Holmes and Lisa Turner de Vera, associate director of the Interdisciplinary Social Science program, and Ph.D. student Akin Akinyemi. The panel, “Climate Change Futures: The Heightened Burden on Vulnerable Populations in Expanding Global Cities,” focused on topics ranging from sea level rise to population density, desertification, urban agriculture, inequality, the heightened burden on vulnerable populations, and so much more in this far-reaching and very stimulating discussion.

The Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) selected “Envisioning Florida’s Future: Transportation and Land Use in an AV World” as its 2016 Innovation Award recipient and winner of this year’s Student Project Award for the invaluable participation of the department’s Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL). Produced for the Florida Department of Transportation, the project utilized an innovative visioning process to anticipate the impact of automated vehicle (AV) technology on Florida’s communities. The project report provides state and local agencies with preliminary guidance for making policy decisions and infrastructure investments necessary to leverage AV technology to create a safer, more efficient transportation system and an urban environment built upon principles of sustainability and human-centered design.

The principal investigators are Planner-in-Residence Lindsay Stevens and Professor Tim Chapin, interim dean of the college, and the project team included Senior Planner Jeremy Crute, Adjunct Professor Anne Rokyta, DURP master’s students Jordan Crandall and Alex Washington, and a team of students from the FPDL. (See article on page 10.)

Two students received Outstanding Planning Student Awards last spring from the FPZA, Michael Alfano and Vanessa Christiansen. They received their awards at the organization’s June conference.

In November 2015, the department welcomed alumni Liesl Voges and John Reddick from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as part of the Grads Made Good Lecture Series. They spoke with 40 master’s students about the Florida Economic Competitiveness program. DURP alumni are welcome to contribute to this series too. Just reach out to the department if you’d like to speak to our students.

Five members of the DURP faculty received approval for promotions effective August 2016: Lindsay Stevens to Research Faculty III, Lisa Turner de Vera to Teaching Faculty II, William Butler to Associate Professor with Tenure, Michael Duncan to Associate Professor with Tenure, and department Chair Jeff Brown to (Full) Professor.
This year started and ended with retirements. In August 2015, Office Manager Angie Perry retired after two decades of employment at FSU, and May 2016 marked the retirement of long-time Research Associate Isaac (Ike) Eberstein after 30 years on the FSU faculty.

The center also welcomed three new faculty research associates. Assistant Professor John Felkner (Urban and Regional Planning) studies development and economic change in Southeast Asia and Haiti, and Assistant Professor Miranda Waggoner (Sociology) is a qualitative researcher with interests in maternal and child health. In January, Associate Professor of Sociology Paromita Sanyal added to our growing core of faculty with research interests outside the U.S. She conducts research on gender and microcredit institutions in India.

Other noteworthy faculty news: CDPH Director Karin Brewster and Research Associate Kathryn Tillman were promoted to full professor.

Although the annual Nam Lecture typically brings to CDPH a rising star in the sociology of population, this year’s lecturer was Dudley Poston, the United States’ leading demographic expert on China. Poston, professor of sociology and the George T. and Gladys H. Abell Professor of Liberal Arts at Texas A & M, is a longtime friend of Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus Charles Nam, who celebrated his 90th birthday in March. This year’s lecture, “China’s Changing Demography Is Changing China and the World,” drew faculty and students from around the FSU campus.

The center also sponsored a talk by Barbara Okun, a family demographer from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who spoke on her research and published work highlighting the fascinating case that Israel presents as a demographic laboratory, influenced by an extraordinary history of migration and population change.

In the 2015-16 academic year, the center hosted a visiting research scholar, Marcos Roberto Gonzaga, associate professor in the Department of Demography and Actuarial Sciences at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. Gonzaga’s major areas of research include adult mortality and morbidity, aging populations, population projection, and quantitative methods.

This was the most successful year yet for the center’s Applied Demographics Studio, which secured contracts with an array of clients. (See page 11.) The studio offers data analysis services, program evaluation, and needs assessments while giving four students in the 2015-16 academic year the opportunity to do real-world field work while still in school.

Thanks to generous donors, the Serow Fund, named for long-time CDPH Director Bill Serow, has grown sufficiently to support two student awards. In August 2015, Stuart Klein received the inaugural Serow Scholarship, a cash award presented to an incoming student who shows great promise in applied demography. The Serow Prize, which has been awarded for outstanding performance in the fall semester since 2005, was presented in April to Colleen Rawson. Both started their graduate coursework as undergraduates, Klein in statistics and Rawson in sociology. By year’s end, the center’s combined BS/MS program will have graduated five students and expects to graduate another four next year.
The Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program offers students the unique opportunity to work in an international environment in the field of emergency management. For five students in the program, spring break was an opportunity to make a positive impact on disaster survivors in rural regions of Nepal. For its spring 2016 project, EMHS partnered with the nonprofit organization Clinic Nepal to lead trainings and discussions in such topics as CPR/first aid, disaster preparedness, sanitation and hygiene, and swift water safety techniques. Over the course of seven days and ten training sessions, Brittany Houston, Chase Ransdell, Rachel Smith, Ali Williams, and Allison Wiman, under the supervision of EMHS staffers Bobby Duggleby, outreach coordinator, and Alissa Bell, program coordinator, trained nearly 250 community leaders, schoolteachers, and students in necessary skills in the wake of the country’s destructive earthquake of April 2015.

In January, EMHS faculty participated in the Florida Department of Emergency Management Public-Private Partnership Summit in Destin. They presented and trained on Florida’s Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center and other emerging technologies.

EMHS faculty and staff completed another mapping project in Jamaica. Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS, aka drones), the team completed more than 11 flights over 300 hectares from multiple locations across the northeast and southeast coasts.

In April, faculty and staff from the Center for Disaster Risk Policy (CDRP), along with EMHS students, worked with Tall Timbers Research Station on UAS operations during controlled burns. CDRP aircraft provided updates on fire progress, as well as mapping of burned areas as part of ongoing research into best practices for UAS in wildland fires.

In May, EMHS faculty, staff, and students participated in the Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise. UAS were successfully used to provide air support for urban search and rescue teams.

DEVOE L. MOORE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CRITICAL ISSUES IN ECONOMIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT
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The DeVoe Moore Center (DMC) offered two series of free workshops this year, all centered on economic research topics and skills but open to students in any discipline. The fall 2015 series featured sessions on such subjects as data gathering and management, statistical software, and methodology. The spring series included sessions on econometrics, empirical thinking, and the Central Limit Theorem. Sessions were taught by economics faculty and graduate students, including Christopher Clapp, Paul Beaumont, Kevin Willardsen, Martha Evans, Anastasia Semykina, and visiting scholar Hugo Montesinos.

In April 2015, three student associates of the center, Ross Shubrick, Selene Capparelli, and Matt Kelly, made a site visit to Bright Kids Uganda, one of the winners of the Diehl Family Foundation Social Entrepreneurship competition managed by DMC. The team looked at the operations, sustainability, and management of the organization.

In October 2015, the center, in partnership with the Center for Global Engagement Intercultural Dialogue Series and Social Entrepreneurs and Innovators at FSU, presented a talk by Victoria Nalongo, director of Bright Kids Uganda, and Hari Bhandary, founder of Clinic Nepal, on the challenges and success of their self-sustaining social enterprises. Bright Kids Uganda assists children from...
various backgrounds ranging from street kids, HIV/AIDS orphans, children who have been living at Internally Displaced Peoples’ Camps, and those rescued from the rebels in Northern Uganda. Clinic Nepal was founded to provide education, healthcare, and clean water and sanitary facilities to the Meghauti and Daldale communities of the country.

**GUS A. STAVROS CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FREE ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION**  
James Gwartney, Director  
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The Stavros Center has updated and revised its Common Sense Economics for Life course package to coincide with the publication of the 3rd edition of *Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know about Wealth and Prosperity* by James Gwartney, Richard Stroup, Dwight Lee, Tawni Ferrarini, and Joseph Calhoun (St. Martin’s Press). The course focuses on what beginning students need to know: the operation of markets, importance of entrepreneurship, the institutional elements of a prosperous economy, the economics of political decision-making, and important principles of personal finance.

The course has been offered for more than ten years at a number of universities, community colleges, and high schools, and the center has sponsored many workshops around the country to present the material to high school and college instructors. The package has also been presented at national teaching conferences. The response of both students and instructors has been overwhelmingly positive.

The center hosted its annual teaching workshop on FSU’s campus in February. More than 60 people attended to hear presentations from three leading economic educators: Patrick Walsh from St. Michael’s College, Steven Landsburg from the University of Rochester, and Daniel Winchester from Learn Liberty. One hundred local high school students attended an advanced placement (AP) review session in April. Jim Chasey, a long-time AP teacher and exam grader, conducted the review session for students taking the economics exam in May.

Effective August 8, 2016, Joe Calhoun assumed the center director position. He had been the assistant director since 2004. Jim Gwartney, director since 2003, continues to be involved in the center’s activities.

**LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE**  
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The LeRoy Collins Institute (LCI) has joined with 18 partners statewide to educate and engage Floridians in the 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission. The commission is a group of 37 people who are appointed to review and recommend changes to the Florida Constitution for voter consideration. This important event happens once every 20 years. LCI has convened groups across the state to form the Partnership for Revising Florida’s Constitution, which will lead a public education campaign on the significance of the upcoming Constitution Revision Commission and encourage citizens to get involved.

In collaboration with The Florida Bar and the Florida Law Related Education Association, LCI also released the *Citizens’ Guide to the Constitution Revision Commission*. The guide breaks down the essential elements of the Constitution Revision Commission in an easy-to-understand format.

At a press conference to announce the partnership in October 2015, LCI Director Carol Weissert stressed the partnership’s goal of engaging young people, including university undergraduates, with presences on Facebook and Twitter.

The partnership is led by the Collins Institute and includes the Bob Graham Center at UF, Center for Governmental Responsibility at UF, the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Florida Association of Counties, The Florida Stavros Director Jim Gwartney and center affiliate Tawni Ferrarini lead a workshop discussion on the Common Sense Economics for Life program.

**PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**Anne Barrett, Director pepperinstitute.fsu.edu**

Anne Barrett assumed leadership of the institute in fall 2015. She is a professor of sociology and a Pepper affiliate for 14 years.

The institute hosted a lecture in November by Madonna Harrington Meyer, chair and professor of sociology at Syracuse University, titled “Grandmothers at Work: Impact on Health and Well-Being.”

The Pepper Dissertation Fellowship, supported by the Pepper Institute and Pepper Center, was awarded to sociology student Preeti Vaghela, whose research examines race differences in mental illness among older adults. She will continue conducting health and aging research in her new position as a statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau’s Demographic Surveys.

The institute continued its involvement with the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, which aims to improve safety and mobility for all aging road users in Florida. The coalition’s Resource Center, operating out of the Pepper Institute, creates and distributes educational materials designed for a variety of stakeholders, including older adults and their family members and caregivers, communities, law enforcement, and health care providers. The coalition’s work was recognized by its selection for two national awards – the biennial National Roadway Safety Award for Program Planning, Development, and Evaluation, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Roadway Safety Foundation, and an honorable mention in the Transportation Research Board’s Communicating Concepts with John and Jane Q. Public Award.

As part of the Transportation for a Lifetime Week, the Pepper Institute presented “The Future of Transportation in Florida,” a talk by Melanie Weaver Carr from the Florida Department of Transportation Office of Policy Planning, at the Pepper Center Broad Auditorium, September 15.

**WILLIAM H. KERR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE INITIATIVE**

**John Mayo, Director dialogueinitiative.coss.fsu.edu**

John Mayo, director of the Kerr Initiative and the Social Science Scholars program, was one of 11 FSU faculty members recognized by the Transformation Through Teaching program for going beyond the call of duty in the lives of their students. The program was established by the Spiritual Life Project, which encourages professors not only to help students develop intellectually but to guide them in finding their purpose in life and encouraging their dreams outside the classroom. Mayo was nominated by Kerr Fellow Houra Mohammadi Amin.

The initiative’s annual Intercultural Dialogue and Leadership Summer Seminar is an enriching experience for all who attend. This intensive course focuses on skills in communication, conflict resolution, and consensus-building required for effective leadership in diverse cultural settings.

It also capitalizes on the diverse academic interests of its participants from a range of disciplines, including international affairs, education, sociology, media studies and communication, urban and regional planning, and environmental science. The seminar took place this past summer, led by Professors Terry Coonan, John Mayo, and Tom Taylor.
For Susan MacManus, political science professor at the University of South Florida and this year’s recipient of the college’s Distinguished Alumna Award, Florida State was the university so nice she came here twice! The choice was really a no-brainer for someone with such deep FSU and native Floridian roots. Her mother and two aunts attended here when it was still Florida State College for Women, and Susan lives in the home once belonging to her grandfather, a German immigrant, citrus industry pioneer, and the first permanent settler of Lutz.

After receiving her B.A. with honors at FSU in 1968, in what was then known as government (now political science), she went on to get her master’s in the discipline a year later at the University of Michigan. She then took a position teaching at Valencia Community College in Orlando. That school had a program to fund summer studies for faculty members to expand the knowledge they brought back to the classroom, allowing Susan to take courses in urban planning and political science research methods at FSU. During that time, she met the mentor who would change her life. Political Science Professor Thomas Dye was impressed with her work and scholarship and the following year asked her to come back as his research assistant. She stayed on to earn her doctorate in 1975.

“Over my professional career, no one has been more of an influence than Dr. Dye, a phenomenal professor who pushed each of us to expand our thinking and quantitative skills,” she says. “He and I have since co-authored several leading textbooks, and to this day, I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to study with him.”

What Dr. MacManus has done with that brilliant start is the substance of a distinguished career that makes her our choice for this year’s honor: an award-winning teacher and holder of a distinguished professorship at USF; Fulbright Research Scholar; expert witness before the U.S. Supreme Court on redistricting cases; author of numerous books and articles, including two local histories she wrote with her mother about Pasco County, where she grew up; and an in-demand political analyst and commentator, a skill that has kept her very busy this election year.

Her interest in the American political process began early; as a young girl she was enthralled by televised political conventions. Her parents were avid newspaper readers, and the family frequently had dinner table discussions – often heated – about politics and current events. When she came to FSU, there was never any doubt in her mind what she would study.

“The university’s location in the capital city also made a big difference. She often soaked in the atmosphere and activities of Tallahassee’s government complex and once rented an apartment from Leila Cofield, a longtime state employee who drafted numerous resolutions, proclamations, and other documents for the Florida Senate. Years later, MacManus dedicated a book to Cofield and another influential political science professor, Daisy Parker Flory. It was only then that she found out Cofield had never gone beyond high school.

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“I was stunned,” she says. “But it taught me the importance of loving what you do and continuing to educate yourself throughout your life.”

Starting her education here the first year FSU was racially integrated, she also got her first insights into the racial and ethnic politics that have been such an important part of Florida history and a focus of much of her research.

“Today, there is no better state in which to study the nation’s changing demographics than Florida,” says Susan, who recently completed a book on Florida’s Minority Trailblazers (University of Florida Press, 2016). “It was my privilege to interview nearly 50 of these trailblazers in state and national politics dating from the 1960s – the era of the civil rights movement and the court-imposed redistricting principle of one person, one vote – to the present.”

Her student years weren’t only about hitting the books. Susan loved her time in the Marching Chiefs. “I never had to worry about where to sit or what to wear to the games,” she jokes. But she has no doubt that her career and life would not have been what it has without the education she received at FSU.

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Susan MacManus will bring her political expertise to a talk on campus on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in room 2004 of the William Johnston Building. Her lecture, “2016: An Election Like No Other,” will focus on how reaching voters has changed significantly since 2012 to become a high-tech world where personalities often “trump” policies. The talk is free and open to the public.
Two programs within the college are among three at FSU that will benefit from more than $800,000 in grants from the Charles Koch Foundation. The grants have been awarded to advance research in several key areas.

The non-partisan Project on Accountable Justice received $150,000 to support the project’s work to analyze data on Florida’s prison system, establish a clearinghouse of ideas on criminal justice reform within the state, and create a web application allowing a public voice in prison reform. The grant includes funding for research assistants and undergraduate interns for one year.

“The U.S. criminal justice system is broken and, among states, Florida is a major contributor to our national failure, with an incarceration rate higher than that of 40 other states,” Project Director Deborrah Brodsky told the Tallahassee Democrat in June, calling the Koch grants "a tremendous opportunity to develop and encourage the next generation of leaders.”

The bulk of the grant goes to the L. Charles Hilton Jr. Center for the Study of Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity based in the college. The funding will support a post-doctoral fellow, three Ph.D. students, and research on markets and institutions. (For more about the Hilton Center’s work, see page 7.) Center Director Shawn Kantor said the grants will make the center “an international leader in this critical area of economic research.”

The remaining $120,000 goes to the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences to support research by a post-doctoral fellow on individual beliefs about free will, inequality, personal responsibility, and moral judgment.

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI at FSU) within the Pepper Institute on Aging received a $1,000,000 gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco, Calif., of which $950,000 was designated for the Osher Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund and $50,000 for current support.

The Charles Koch Foundation and Donors Trust, Inc., both of Arlington, Va., jointly contributed $293,100 to provide initial funding for the college’s L. Charles Hilton, Jr. Center for Study of Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity.

CerTell, Inc. of Indianapolis, Ind., contributed $235,000 to provide third-year funding to expand the economic literacy initiative within the Stavros Center for Economic Education.

The Kaul Foundation of Tampa, Fla., contributed $150,000 to provide unrestricted support for the Applied Economics program.

As part of the World Affairs Program 30th anniversary, WAP alumni and friends made commitments totaling $59,500 to help support the World Affairs Program Endowment Fund. An additional $21,500 has been pledged in verbal commitments.

Mark Ellis of London, England, included in his estate plan a second $50,000 bequest provision to support the Monsignor William Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Endowment Fund.

David Rasmussen, former dean of the college, funded a $50,000 charitable gift annuity to help support the David W. Rasmussen Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The Reason Foundation of Culver City, Calif., contributed $36,425 to the DeVoe Moore Center to enable outstanding undergraduate students from FSU and other universities to attend a week-long conference during August 2016 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund of Jacksonville, Fla., contributed $27,600 to the LeRoy Collins Institute to help support its efforts regarding the 2017 Florida Constitutional Revision Commission.

As part of their estate plan, Harold and Dorothy Olson of Aurora, Colo., designated a percentage (valued at $22,500) of a life insurance policy to help support the Richard Gray Scholarship Endowment Fund within the International Affairs program.
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At the World Affairs Program (WAP) 30th anniversary banquet last April, the organization received $81,000 raised by alumni volunteers to support the group’s programs. (L-R) Alums Eric Reading, Danielle Hale, Robert D. Johnson, former Deans David Rasmussen and Marie Cowart, alum Josh Curry, Interim Dean Tim Chapin

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The player in the yellow #4 jersey is David's friend and colleague, Jim Gapinski, who passed away in 2000. The following year, the department created a named professorship in his honor. Dean Rasmussen has been the James H. Gapinski Professor of Economics since its inception.