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**2014 Student
achievements:**

- Phoenix Anschutz chosen Outstanding Senior in Political Science and admitted to law school at Michigan State and KU.
- Matt Parra received the Dean's Outstanding Scholar Award.
- Ray Voiers and Hillary Becker will journey to China next year to teach English, each awarded funds.

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Michael Smith: Associate Chair

So much has happened this year! My article (co-authored with former U.S. Senator Bob Graham), "Teaching Active Citizenship: A Companion to the Traditional Political Science Curriculum" is coming this July in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Co-authors and I have also gotten the green light from Palgrave/Macmillan for our book project on the history of restrictive voting laws, including recent ones, and we

presented a paper on this at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings this past April. Several ESU political science majors plan to join me at the Midwest in 2015: the first time we've taken a delegation of students to that conference, one of the discipline's most prestigious. John Barnett and I helped advise a group of ESU students that attended the Model UN conference this semester in Boston. I still write a

monthly newspaper column in the *Wichita Eagle* and other Kansas newspapers, as part of the Insight Kansas group. I also appear regularly in KAKE's *This Week in Kansas*. Drs. Kelly, Barnett, and I have spent plenty of quality time together as we travel around Kansas and Missouri visiting community colleges to recruit students. This summer, I'll be offering an online Nonprofit Management course: another first for our department.

Phil Kelly: Roe R. Cross Professor

I will team up with an undergraduate Political Science major this summer, Murad Jalilov of Azerbaijan, this being a new campus program of faculty mentoring of students on joint research endeavors. We will research and write about the possibility of a "Ukrainian shatterbelt," a rather timely subject

with a commitment already to publish the results in an Italian geopolitical journal. "Shatterbelts" arise in regions where strategic rival states (United States vs. Russia) align with local strife (civil war in the Ukraine). These conditions frequently create dangerous escalations of conflict that we currently are seeing in

that region. Phil likewise is concluding two books, on a *Reader in Classical Geopolitics* that will be published later this coming summer by Linus Books of New York, and the second being considered for publication by a university press, entitled *Constructing a Classical Geopolitical Model*.



Retired U.S. Senator and Florida Governor Bob Graham, above, collaborated with Michael Smith on a forthcoming *PS* article about teaching civic engagement. Graham was ESU's Boertman speaker in 2013.



All three ESU Political Science professors have studied in Paraguay: Kansas' partner in the Partnership for the Americas. Emporia State's political science faculty is the only one in the state with this distinction.

ESU Political Science alumni Luke Drury and Mark Bowman just finished their first year of MPA study.

ESU Political Science alumna Rachel Reeves works in government relations in Washington, DC.

John Barnett: Associate Professor, Fulbright Fellow

This has been a very busy year for me. I presented two papers on Taiwan/Paraguayan economic relations, with both submitted for publication. Their focus rests on floriculture aquaculture projects of the two countries.

A Fulbright Award for

Vietnam arrived also this Spring where I will teach research methods and comparative agricultural policies at the university level during Spring of 2015. My research there will include collecting documents and conducting interviews

relative to agricultural and aquaculture policies at local levels.

Currently, I serve as President of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies and also President of the Kansas Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators.

Building Our Major

We appear to be holding our own on the number of Political Science majors, now listing twenty-seven. It does seem that our efforts attracting community college transfers and high school graduates via Pathways (a high school outreach) may be paying us dividends.

Our visits to community colleges will continue. The Alumni Board has held three meetings to date, making good progress on defining its mission under the able

leadership of Cory Cannon. We likewise enjoy good support from the new ESU Provost, David Cordle who is very supportive of our program and majors. Drs. Barnett, Smith and I have met regularly to plot course and strategy during the academic year.

Our two student clubs, Public Affairs and Pre-Law, remain active. KU Law School Dean, Stephen Mazza, hosted twelve of our pre-law

students for a recruitment dinner last February. Both clubs have visited KU and Washburn professional programs, and recruiters from Tulsa University Law visited our campus as well. Our students place well for entering graduate and law school programs. Three have or will participate in overseas ventures in Paraguay and China. Others do local or legislative internships, plus gain awards and scholarships on campus.

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