The past year has been extremely productive for the Department. In addition to providing excellent education to students, faculty demonstrated outstanding performance in research, publication, university governance and engagement with the community.

The Department went through an Institutional Quality Assurance Program (IQAP) review and received very positive and constructive feedback from the reviewers. Implementation of the various recommendations for further improvement has commenced and will continue over the next year and beyond. A new specialization in public law and judicial studies was introduced.

Michelle Dion won the 2016 Status of Women Award of Distinction from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. Todd Alway was the winner of the teaching excellence award from the McMaster University Students Union for 2015-16.

The 5th graduate conference on “Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy” was organized in February 2016. During the year, two special panels on contemporary issues were held on the Canadian National Election and the Syrian Crisis and its Implications.

I would like to thank all our faculty, staff and students for their contribution, and look forward to another productive year.

Ahmed Shafiqul Huque

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Ahmed Shafiqul Huque

Dr. Richard Stubbs joined the Department of Political Science in 1990 and served as Chair during 1997-2002. Richard specializes in the areas of international political economy, the East Asian Region, and security and economic issues in Southeast Asia. He has authored, co-authored and co-edited a number of books. They include Political Economy and the Changing Global Order (2006, 3 editions), Rethinking Asia’s Economic Miracle (2005), Hearts and Minds in Guerilla Warfare (1989), New Challenges for ASEAN (1995), Theorizing Southeast Asian Relations (2008), and Human Rights and Democratic Transition in Asia (2001). Richard contributed substantially to the governance in the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences and McMaster University and was recognized for his outstanding service to the McMaster University Faculty Association.

We wish Richard and Don happy post-retirement lives.

Dr. Richard Stubbs with wife Grace.

Dr. Don Wells’ association with McMaster University started in 1989. He held a joint appointment in the School of Labour Studies and the Department of Political Science. His teaching and research interests covered a wide range of areas such as global governance and regulation of labour rights and standards, immigration, globalization and transnationalism, poverty, economic restructuring and labour, and political parties and social movements. Don was the Director of the School of Labour Studies during 2008-13. He is the author of Empty Promises: Quality of Working Life Programs and the Labour Movement (1987) and Soft Sell: ‘Quality of Working Life’ Programs and the Productivity Race (1986).

PANEL Following the outbreak of conflict in Syria that sparked a major global crisis, the Department of Political Science organized a panel to discuss “The Syrian Conflict and International Violence” on November 27. The panel was Chaired by Samantha Jackson and panelists included Berkay Ayhan, Alina Sajed, Alex Sevigny, and Sarah Shoker. The panel discussed the causes of the Syrian civil war, the attack on Paris, media and political violence, and the causes of people joining militant groups.

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Dr. Don Wells (fourth from right) with his family.
Robert O’Brien introduced C-ROADS (Climate Rapid Overview and Decision Support Simulator) in his class on Global Public Policy. Students were organized into teams representing countries or groups of countries, with the ultimate goal of negotiating an international climate change agreement to save as much of the world as possible from the disastrous effects of climate change, including rising sea levels that threaten to swallow entire nations. This innovative approach to teaching has helped students learn traditional research skills as they prepared for the negotiation. It also gave students a practical demonstration of politics on a global scale, illustrated the challenges involved in reconciling equally valid international interests and positions. The experience sensitized students to the social and scientific aspects, and helped develop insight on the morality, economics and politics of climate change.

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<td>Dr. Walter Dawson joined the Department for the Fall term of 2015-2016 as Fulbright Chair in Governance and Public Policy. He conducted research for his project entitled “Assessing Policy change in an Aging Society: Long Term Care Services in Canada.” He is the Director of Research and Analytics at the Oregon Health Care Association in Portland and a member on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Gerontological Association. Dr. Dawson serves as a Lecturer in the School of Community Health at Portland State University.</td>
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<td>After providing stellar service as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at McMaster University, Dr. Dustin Garrick accepted an offer to move to Oxford University in the United Kingdom. I am pleased to report that Dustin has been appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in our Department for a period of three years commencing in 2016. This will allow him an opportunity to continue his funding proposals and research collaboration with faculty members in the Department of Political Science and co-supervise graduate students. We welcome Dustin back in his new role.</td>
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<td>Dr. Michelle Dion won the 2016 Status of Women Award of Distinction from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA). The award recognizes women who have improved the lives and working conditions of academic women and, by extension, their colleagues, families, and friends. OCUFA noted Michelle’s dedication to equity coupled with her exceptional research skills that made a real difference for academic women at McMaster, not to mention across Ontario and Canada.</td>
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<td>Seven teams of undergraduate Political Science students competed for the Clarke Prizes in Advocacy and Active Citizenship 2016. Adam Chiaravalle (pictured above, right) won the first prize for his project on developing a strategy to promote local sustainable food options for students on campus. Jessie Faber, Anthony Reda, and Lauren Byce were placed second for their project on increasing awareness of student mental health issues. Hana Faidi’s project on employment opportunities for young women in refugee camps was awarded the third prize.</td>
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<td>We are excited to announce the introduction of a specialization on Public Law and Judicial Studies in our B.A. (Honours) program. It was designed after considerable research and planning and examines the role that constitutional, administrative, criminal and international laws attempt to play in limiting or controlling the use of power by governments in democratic states. Students will also be able to critically examine the extent to which the judiciary and courts are key players in democratic systems and assess their potential to fulfill or extend their intended roles.</td>
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**P H.D. Graduate Employment**

Nicholas Bernardis, Ph.D. 2016, SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON

Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn, Ph.D. 2016, SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, ON

Nicole Wegner, Ph.D. 2016, Sessional Lecturer, College of Arts & Science, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

Stephanie Tombari, Ph.D., 2016, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

Halina Sapeha, Ph.D., 2014, Public Engagement Post-Doctoral Fellow, Memorial University, St. John’s, NL

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**M.A. and B.A. Graduate Employment**


Ramneek Grewal, B.A. 2012, M.A. 2013, Executive Assistant, Director of Operations, Metrolinx, Toronto

Simon Granat, B.A. 2013, Constituency Assistant, Office of David Christopherson, Member of Parliament, Hamilton Centre

Katherine Marsden, B.A. 2010, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs/Cabinet Office, Toronto

Chelsea Peet, B.A. 2009, Intergovernmental Affairs in the Cabinet Office and Tour Organizer for the Premier’s Trade Missions

Sylvia Pena, B.A. 2011, Senior Government Relations Specialist, Ontario Real Estate Association, Toronto

Roopinder Sandhu, M.A. 2011, Corporate Effectiveness Advisor, Management Advisory Services, City of Brampton

Emma Stanley-Cochrane Ferrone, M.A. 2009, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Community and Social Services as a Senior Program Advisor

Paul Szachlewicz, M.A. 2016, Policy Advisor, Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hamilton


Natalie Tutunzis, B.A. 2008, M.A. 2009, Communications Coordinator, Metrolinx, Toronto

Douglas Wong, M.A. 2013, Program Manager, Government Relations-Ontario, Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada, Toronto

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Marshall Beier

Karen Bird

Katherine Booth

Catherine Frost

Peter Graefe
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Shafigul Huque

Inder Marwah

Stephen McBride

Peter Nyers

Robert O'Brien

Tony Porter

Netina Tan
- "Netina Tan, editor (2016). Special Section on "Electoral Rules, Quotas and Women’s Political Representation in Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore,” Pacific Affairs 89, 2.
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Nicholas Bernards
- Actors and Entanglements in Global Governance: The ILO in sub-Saharan Africa

Malcolm Campbell Verdun
- Reasserting Private Authority in Times of Crisis: Technical to Moral Discourses in Anglo-American Finance

Steve Haarink
- North Korea does not Exist: Human Rights in Asymmetry

Fatma Armagan Teke Lloyd
- Gender, Migration Regimes and Frames of Deservingsness: The Gendered Management of Women’s Care Migration from Armenia to Turkey

Stephanie Tombari

Nicole Wegner
- Inter-National Imagining Canada’s Military in Afghanistan

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Danielle Blab
- GSA Travel Assistance Award

Kelsey Leonard
- Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarship

Kelsey Leonard
- Philomathia Travel in Water Policy & Research Scholarship

Angela Licata
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

Liam Midzain-Gobin
- SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award

Hubert Rioux Ouimet
- David Oliver Mackey OGS Scholarship

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- Ellen Louks Fairclough Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Shoker
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

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- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

Nowrin Tabassum
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