



From the Interim Department Chair:

It is my pleasure to be sending out the Political Science newsletter this fall to update you on the events in the department over the past year. I hope this letter finds you well and that you will enjoy reading about what's new in the department.

- Carolyn Shaw

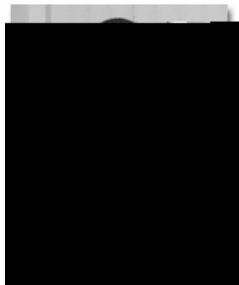
Faculty Updates:

Dinorah Azpuru Dinorah has been involved in diverse research projects throughout the year and made presentations about her findings in conferences in Wichita, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Nashville, and Guatemala. She designed and taught a new course on Political Inquiry, which will provide students the opportunity to become familiar with quantitative political science.

Ken Ciboski Ken has kept busy serving on two different college committees this past year. He has also served on the City of Wichita Cultural Arts Funding committee. He has provided political commentary for the local, state and national media throughout the year as well as arranging weekly speakers for the Sedgwick County Pachyderm club.

David Ericson Dave is taking a well-deserved sabbatical this year and will be living in Albany NY. He continues to work on his newest book project about the official and unofficial financial connections between the federal government and slavery, plumbing the depths of the National Archives for his materials.

William Hoston



William joins the department as a Visiting Assistant Professor from the University of New Orleans. He will be teaching our courses in State and Local politics and Minority Politics. William is finishing his dissertation entitled "The Influence of African-American Legislators in the Louisiana State Legislature: Campaign Strategies, Political Incorporation, and Legislative Productivity." Also, he will be serving as the faculty advisor for the Political Science Club.

Mel Kahn Mel appeared in Who's Who in America in 2005. He presented a paper on "Foreign Student Lobbying" at the Southern Political Science Association conference, and one titled "Student Simulations in Lawmaking" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference. He has kept busy coordinating our Washington and Topeka interns, giving numerous interviews to the local and national media, and serving on the Democratic Party State Committee.

Carolyn Shaw Carolyn has been busy developing several new simulations for her classes, including one that is web-based on Peacebuilding in Afghanistan. She has published several of her simulations in *International Studies Perspectives* and the *Journal of Political Science Education*. She continues her research comparing different regional Human Rights protection mechanisms.

Jim Sheffield Jim remains on a leave of absence at

Model United Nations



The Model UN participants represented Australia, Egypt and Cyprus this year at the American Model UN Conference (Chicago) and the Midwest Model UN conference (St. Louis). The students c