

# Government Department Newsletter

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## Message From the Chair...

**Special points of interest:**

- Meet our Department's new full-time faculty members: Ken Cosgrove, Rachael Cobb and Roberto Domínguez
- Check out our list of upcoming events.
- Find out how to submit news and items of interest for our Spring 2006 issue.

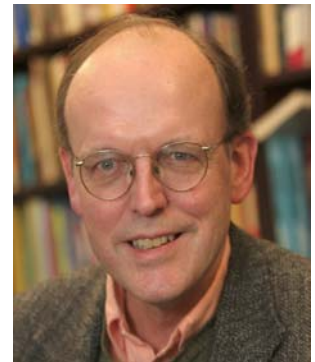
Welcome to the first issue of the Suffolk University Government Department's semiannual newsletter. We intend it to serve the entire Government Department community – students, faculty, alumni, prospective students, and friends. You can choose to receive it by post or email, or you can read it on our website.

The Government Department is growing. We now have about 270 undergraduate majors, 50 graduate students, and, as of September 2005, 10 full-time faculty. The Department also includes David Paleologos, Director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center, and two staff assistants, Stephanie Barboza and Meri Power.

With this growth have come exciting developments, most

notably the Suffolk Poll, done in partnership with Channel 7 News. Many other plans are in the works, not all of them definite, but there is one I can share with you now. The College is planning a new program in East Asian Studies, which will support full-time faculty in Government and History, and language courses in Chinese. The History faculty member, Professor Yong Xue, is at Suffolk now; we hope to appoint a new assistant professor, specializing in East Asian Politics, to begin September 2006. East Asia is becoming more important every day, and we are eager to develop an initiative to study and teach about it.

We also hope to have some exciting visitors to the department this year,



including Dr. Christiane Lemke, who will be joining us this spring under the College's Distinguished Visitor program; a Fulbright scholar from the Muslim world; and, if all goes well, two retired members of Congress who will visit Suffolk in November under the Congress to Campus program.

Look for more exciting news in our next issue!

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## A Perspective from London by Mary Troy

When I decided to do an internship in London for eight weeks I had no idea what this summer had in store for me. The summer of 2005 in London will never be forgotten for those who lived here. The Live 8 concert, winning the Olympic bid, and the tragic terrorist attacks have left me with unforgettable memories. I enrolled in the Educational Programmes Abroad, which

is a program that places college students in overseas internships focused on their majors. Being a Government major I was placed as an intern for Emily Thornberry, a Parliament Member for Islington South and Finsbury.

The internship itself was a very rewarding experience and gave me a chance to

learn about the British Government system. When I started my internship Ms. Thornberry had just been elected to Parliament, which left her and her staff with a lot of work, in both her Westminster and Constituency Offices. I learned very quickly that new politicians can not just settle in to their new positions with ease. I

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## New Faculty Profile: Professor Ken Cosgrove

This fall semester the department is pleased to welcome Professor Kenneth Cosgrove, who will be teaching at Suffolk as a full-time faculty member. Professor Cosgrove received his BA in Government from Suffolk University and his PhD in American Government from the University of Oklahoma. He has taught previously at Texas Tech University, Ohio University, Bethany College and Westfield State College.

Professor Cosgrove served as an APSA Congressional Fellow for Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Representative Tim Johnson of South Dakota. He has participated in the Fulbright-Hays Pro-

gram and has made study trips to Moscow, Ottawa, China and Brazil, where he fished for piranha on the Amazon.

Professor Cosgrove has written for and published articles in *The Journal of Politics*, and has written an article about former Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey for David Wilsford's encyclopedia. At present he is completing a manuscript about, "Republican marketing and brand building strategies." His research interests include media and politics, interest groups, public policy, legislative politics and state and local government.

Professor Cosgrove has said that, "I am very pleased to be coming back to Suffolk University and to the Department of Government. This place and the people in it mean a great deal to me and I am happy beyond words to be here again." He lives with his wife, Erin, and their two dogs, two horses and a cat. This fall he will be teaching Intro to American Democracy, State and Local Government and Legislative Process.

## New Faculty Profile: Professor Rachael Cobb

One of the three new faculty members that the Government department is welcoming this fall is Rachael Cobb.

A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Professor Cobb attended Bryn Mawr College and graduated in 1995. Her previous job experience includes working as a campaign manager for a Cambridge city council candidate. Professor Cobb will be

receiving her PhD in political science from MIT this August and has written her dissertation about, "the role of parties in gubernatorial primaries and general elections."

This fall, Professor Cobb will be publishing an article called "Disconnection and Reorganization: The Transformation of Civic Life in Late 20th Century America." The article was written with Theda

Skocpol and Casey Klofstad and will be published in *Studies in American Political Development*. Professor Cobb's research interests include elections, state-level politics, interest group politics, political parties and social policy. Professor Cobb will be teaching Intro to American Democracy, American Politics and Institutions and Topics in Public Policy.

## New Faculty Profile: Professor Roberto Domínguez

The third of our department's new faculty members is Roberto Domínguez.

Professor Domínguez received his MA from the Ortega y Gasset Foundation in Spain and his PhD in International Studies from the University of Miami. He has taught previously at Teikyo University in Maastricht, the Netherlands, the

University of Quintana Roo in Mexico, and UNAM Mexico.

Professor Domínguez has been involved in numerous publications, serving as editor of the *Relaciones Internacionales* journal during his time at UNAM and as an analyst for the newspaper *La Jornada*. He has also worked as a political analyst for the Consulate of the United

Kingdom in Miami and as an advisor and speechwriter for the Governor of the State of Mexico. In addition to print journalism, he has worked in radio and television, serving as a political commentator for Radio Educación and for the Telemundo-NBC network. This fall he will be teaching Politics of Europe, Free Trade Policy and Seminar in International Relations Theory.

## Research Spotlight: Professor Anne Marie Cammisa

Professor Anne Cammisa's research interests involve public policy, social welfare policy, legislative process and women in politics. Most recently, she has published an article with Dr. Beth Reingold of Emory University on women state legislators. Cammisa and Reingold did an exhaustive review of the existing research on women in state legislatures, starting with Emmy Werner's 1968 publication of "Women in State Legislatures" in *Western Political Quarterly*. The study of women in state legislatures is one of the most fruitful areas of study for two simple reasons: first, there are larger numbers of women state legislators than women in higher political office and second, state legislatures, unlike local governments, are institutionally comparable from state to state and offer easy access to researchers.

The focus of research in women in politics has undergone significant change as both society and the field of political science have changed. In 1968, most research questions had to do with what types of women would go into politics, and especially how they differed from male politicians. In general, women entered into politics later in life and by a more circuitous route, and were likely to wait until their children were older to begin a political career. Much of the early research dealt with "role" conflict: how women's roles as wife and mother might hinder their ability to participate in the male world of politics. The assumption was that women were more suited to life in the private sphere of home and hearth, while men were more at ease in the public sphere. The women's movement of the 1960s and 1970s challenged these assumptions, and, as more women entered political science, the study of women in politics

began to be taken more seriously.

Once women got into state legislatures in significant numbers, questions of *who* they were began to be replaced with questions of *what impact* they might have. Early on, some scholars (notably Jeanne Kirkpatrick) did extensive research demonstrating how well women could and did integrate into the male world of politics. Other scholars took a more feminist approach and argued that integrating into the legislature was not sufficient, that instead women legislators should attempt to transform it based on their experiences, attitudes and outlooks. Much research examined how state legislatures changed with the influx of women and found that in some instances, women's more consensual leadership style seemed to be adopted by men, but in other cases, women legislators were likely to participate less in floor or committee debate, which was often dominated by males. Research also examined ideology and policy priorities and found that women tend to be more liberal than men on a variety of issues, and that they tend to be more interested in issues dealing with women's health, children, education and welfare—issues which seem to correspond to the "private sphere" role.

Cammisa and Reingold argue that, as the research has matured, it needs to be broadened in significant ways. First, the "sameness vs. difference" dichotomy needs to be overcome. While it was interesting and important to describe how women legislators differed from men when women first began trickling into state legislatures, it is now time to look at the bigger picture and note how women might differ from one another in terms of race, ideology, commitment to feminism and legis-

lative style. Second, factors other than gender, such as legislative professionalism and state political culture, need to be examined in conjunction with gender to determine under what circumstances women are more or less likely to be successful.

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### *Biographical Note:*

Anne Marie Cammisa has been teaching at Suffolk University since 1994. She holds a BA from the University of Virginia and an M.P.P. and Ph.D. from Georgetown University. She has been an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow and a Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University. She served as conference co-chair for the New England Women's Political Summit held in October 2003. Currently, she is a member of the Best Paper Award Committee for the state politics section of APSA. She has published 3 books: *Governments as Interest Groups: Intergovernmental Lobbying and the Federal System*; *From Rhetoric to Reform?: Welfare Policy in American Politics*; and *Checks and Balances: How a Parliamentary System Could Change American Politics*. The last was co-written with her husband, Paul C. Manuel, Professor and Chair of Politics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. They live in Somerville, Massachusetts and have two daughters, Maria, 4, and Rosa, 3.

## Quinn Dickerson Seminar Series Continues

The Suffolk University Government Department is pleased to announce the continuation of the Quinn Dickerson Memorial Seminar Series.

Professor Quinn Dickerson taught at Suffolk during the 2003-2004 academic year, before dying of a sudden heart attack in July of 2004. His enthusiasm, devotion to students, and dedication left a powerful imprint in the department. The Quinn Dickerson Seminar Series was created to honor Professor Dickerson's commitment to politics and scholarship.

This Seminar Series serves as a

venue for the presentation of political science research by students and faculty of Suffolk's Government Department, as well as scholars from outside the university, such as Andrew Martin of the Center for European Studies at Harvard University, who was one of the guest speakers invited to lecture last February. Professor Martin delivered a talk on "Euros and Europeans: Monetary Integration and the European Social Model".

The Dickerson Series will take place approximately once a month, and will be listed inde-

pendently from other department events. We plan to maintain a separate email list for seminar announcements, so if you would like to be notified of the 2005-2006 schedule, please send your request by email to [govern-ment@suffolk.edu](mailto:govern-ment@suffolk.edu). Please put "Quinn Dickerson" in the subject line of your email.

If you are a faculty member interested in presenting your research as a part of the Seminar Series, please contact Dr. John Berg.

## "Thunder in Guyana" - September 29, 2005

This fall the Government Department, in co-operation with the Humanities and Modern Languages Department and several other offices, will be cosponsoring a showing of the 2003 film "Thunder in Guyana," directed by Dr. Suzanne Wasserman of the Gotham Center of New York City.

The documentary tells the life story of Dr. Wasserman's cousin, Janet Rosenberg Jagan, who became the first American-born woman to serve as a head of state when she was elected as President of Guyana in December of 1997.

The film will be shown in the C. Walsh Theater on Thursday, Sep-

tember 29th at 1:00 pm, with a reception and refreshments to follow in the Munce Conference Room. For more information please contact the Government main office (Donahue 509, ext. 8122), the Humanities office (Fenton 503, ext. 8285) or visit the film's official website at [www.guyanafilm.org](http://www.guyanafilm.org).

## Government Department Events and Announcements

- Professor Vann Snyder would like to announce an internship available this fall at a Beacon Hill fundraising company. This internship is nonpaying and is open to undergraduates as well as grad students. For more information please contact Professor Snyder at [SnyderCom@aol.com](mailto:SnyderCom@aol.com).
- On September 20th the Government Department, in conjunction with the Moakley Archives and the History Department, will be cosponsoring Suffolk's *Constitution Day* program. The program will consist of a panel discussion about the confirmation of Supreme Court Justices. Professors John O'Callaghan and Robert Allison will be speaking. For more information (or if you are a faculty member interested in participating) please contact Dr. John Berg.
- This year Suffolk will be participating in the *Congress to*

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# Faculty and Alumni News and Notes

- Melissa Haussman and Linda Privatera were married on December 3rd, 2004 at Our Savior Church in Arlington, Massachusetts. Professor Haussman has also recently accepted a position at Carleton University in Ottawa. She began teaching at Suffolk in 1995 and specialized in American government and public policy. She also headed up the Government Department's undergraduate internship programs, including last summer's 2004 Democratic National Convention, which was held in partnership with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.
- Anne Marie Cammisa and her husband Paul Manuel welcomed their second daughter, Rosa, on March 22nd, 2005. She is 3 years old. There to greet her was her older sister Maria, age 4. Professor Cammisa became a full professor in the Government Department in July of 2005, and has also taken over coordinating the Government Department's undergraduate internship programs from Professor Haussman.
- Mary Burke retired from teaching in May of 2005. Professor Burke, whose main areas of interest and study are international relations and foreign politics, began her career at Suffolk University in 1989. She will teach one course part-time during the fall semester.
- Associate Professor Sebastián Royo received tenure as of July 1, 2005. Professor Royo was also appointed Director of the Suffolk University Madrid Campus. He will be dividing his time between Boston and Spain, and will not be teaching this fall.
- Professor Ken Cosgrove has been appointed to the post of Director of Graduate Studies in the Government Department.
- Lawrence Overlan will be serving as a Policy Expert for the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, one of the nation's leading conservative think-tanks. His areas of expertise include unions and trade politics, state and local government and finances, the Reagan administration, federalism and parental choice in education.
- The Government Department is pleased to welcome Massachusetts State Senator Edward Augustus, who will be teaching a section of GVT 110 as a part-time lecturer this fall. Senator Augustus is a Democrat from the Worcester 2nd and received his BA in Political Science from Suffolk in 1987.
- The Government Department would also like to extend a welcome to Dr. Sylvia Gaylord, who will be teaching Politics of Latin America and Introduction to Comparative Politics this fall as a part-time lecturer.
- Jaime Costigan, class of 2001, has spent the last two years in Morocco as a member of the Peace Corps.
- John Hames, class of 2004, has also joined the Peace Corps and left for South Africa in April of 2005.
- Meri Power, class of 2005, was recently hired to replace Ellen Russakoff as the second staff assistant in the Government Department's main office.
- Serap Kantarci, who received her MSPS from Suffolk, will join the Government Department as a part-time lecturer, teaching GVT 110I this fall semester. She is currently working on her PhD from Northeastern University.
- Edith Karam, who received her MSPS from Suffolk in 2004, is currently in Beirut working as a freelance journalist and part-time anchor for Future TV. She has also signed a one-year contract with UNICEF, where she works as a program assistant for their Youth Empowerment and Protection Program. She also received her BS in Communications from Suffolk and is considering studying for her PhD in International Relations.

# Faculty Publications and Conferences

- Professor Sebastián Royo will be publishing an article entitled, "Portuguese Migration: Redefined Boundaries and Uneasy Transformations," in *Mediterranean Quarterly's* Fall 2005 issue.
- Professor Royo will present "Varieties of Capitalism in Iberia," at the 101st annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington DC in September, 2005. He also participated in several conferences during the spring and summer of 2005, including one organized by the US State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, where he presented a talk entitled, "Spain in the European Union: Lessons and Challenges."
- Mark Andrews delivered the keynote address, "Economics and the Fiscal Realities in Higher Education," at the Conference of Fiscal Officers/Staff for Public Higher Education, in May of 2005.
- Professor Judy Dushku attended the 7th Annual Conference on World Affairs in Boulder, Colorado on April 4-8, 2005, where she participated in several panels relating to her work on the Balkan states, most notably her collection of Romanian oral histories. (From the June, 2005 issue of the Suffolk University Newsletter.)
- Professor Melissa Haussman published her latest book, *Abortion Politics in North America*, in April of 2005.
- Professor Ken Cosgrove, one of our new full-time faculty members, has recently published an article called, "Unintended Consequences: The Impact of Race-Based Redistricting and Representation in Congress," in *The Journal of Politics*.
- Professor Roberto Domínguez, one of our new full-timers, recently published *The European Union and Regional Integration: A Comparative Perspective and Lessons for the Americas*, with Joaquin Roy. Professor Domínguez has published several other recent books with Roy, including *La Unión Europea y el TLCAN: Integración Regional Comparada y Relaciones Mutuas*, which was released in 2004.
- Professor Domínguez will be attending several academic conferences in the upcoming months, including the XIX Annual Mexican International Studies Convention, which will be held in Acapulco from October 20th to the 22nd.
- Professor John O'Callaghan, the Pre-law advisor for all students in the Government Department, attended the 33rd annual Northeast Pre-law Advisors Association's conference, which was held at the Lincoln Center at Fordham University in New York from June 8-11, 2005. Additional panels were held at New York University Law School and Columbia University. Any government students interested in pre-law advising are reminded to contact Professor

O'Callaghan at [jocal-lag@suffolk.edu](mailto:jocal-lag@suffolk.edu) or at his office in Donahue 513.

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*Campus* program, in which former members of Congress pay visits to colleges and universities to meet with students and faculty. Suffolk will have two as yet unnamed visitors, one Democrat and one Republican. They will be on campus to meet with classes and attend a public forum on November 14th and 15th. More details will follow in September. For more information please contact Professor Anne Cammisa.

- In the Spring of 2006 the Government Department will host Dr. Christiane Lemke, the Jean Monnet Chair of European Political Science from Hannover University. Dr. Lemke will spend a month at Suffolk and will teach an intensified 3-credit course, "The Politics of European Integration." This event has been made possible by Suffolk's *Distinguished Visitor* program.
- Suffolk University, in conjunction with the Fulbright *Direct Access to the Muslim World* program, has applied to bring a Muslim scholar to campus for six weeks next spring. Professor Robert Laffey and Margaret McNamara of the Advancement Office are coordinating this program. More details to follow.

# A Perspective from London (Continued)

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promptly had to learn how to deal with constituent cases in such matters as immigration, housing, taxes and benefits. Most of the summer I worked on case work for many of her constituents and tried to keep them all happy, which was not an easy task. I loved living in London and got very used to my daily routines.

One of the days I will remember the most is the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, when the sound of London broke into nothing but sirens and chaos. I ended up being caught in the midst of it and will never forget the feelings of confusion and helplessness. That morning when I had gotten to the station it was closed because of "electrical problems". I asked an attendant how I could get to Islington on a bus and he instructed me to take the number 30 bus. I ended up waiting at the wrong bus stop for about 10 minutes, but at that time I noticed all the sirens and emergency vehicles going in every direction. I knew something had to be going on, and then I overheard people saying something about explosions in some stations, but I still did not know to the extent of what had happened.

When I finally got to the right bus stop I got on the number 30 bus and I was only on it for a short while. I suddenly had to rush off when the driver got on the intercom and screamed for us to get off the bus: "Get off, get off the bus, there was a bomb on the bus in front of us!" Everyone was pushing and shoving to get off the bus and we were running in the middle of traffic with emergency vehicles rushing by and all I could hear was sirens. I was not too sure what was going on, but I knew a bus blew up. I later learned that the number 30 bus in front of our bus had an explosion that blew the whole top deck off. I had never been involved in such chaos and finally I gave up on getting to work and started to walk home.

Walking back to my apartment I realized I was not the only one confused on the morning incidents. No one was exactly sure on what was happening in the city. For the rest of the day walking was the only way to get around. Thousands of people walked the streets to get where they needed to go. Also there was a sense of uncertainty; no one knew if the attacks were over or if there were more bombs to come. The authorities would not confirm that until later on that night.

As a post 9/11 American I have seen and felt the wrath of terrorism on a country and the devastation it causes. Right away when I had heard the word "bombs" the first thought that crossed my head was, "Oh no, it is a terrorist attack." I wish I had been overreacting, but I soon found out I had not been. During the evening if people were not walking miles to go where they needed to they were glued to the TV for updates and information to become available. Even though this terrorist attack was not to the level of 9/11, it was still an awful event that happened to innocent people just doing everyday activities like going to work.

For the next week there was the typical mourning time for the victims and their families, but life seemed to get back to normal pretty quickly. There were a few days in the first week where the tubes were not as full, but that did not seem to last longer than a week. Life did seem to go back to normal quickly, and the only effect the attacks had on people were the tube closures. Some tube lines are still not opened back up yet, almost a month later. Many commuters, myself included, had to find alternate tube stations and lines to use.

It seemed as though the worst was behind us and the attacks were just an awful memory, but that memory was awakened on the two week anniversary of the attacks. This time there were bombs, but they did not detonate correctly and luckily it never became anything as serious as last time. However the chaos had returned from two weeks prior with sirens and police everywhere. The tubes were all shut down and, for a while, no one knew what was exactly happening...again. All everyone could think was it was happening again. The terrorists almost succeeded, and they did succeed into putting fear in everyone once again. The fear was still fresh from the last attack. In the following days, with the shooting of the false suspect and the standoff and raids to round up all possible suspects, it just seemed like the craziness would never stop.

I have found it hard to move on with out any fear of it happening again after these past few weeks. It has made me a lot more conscious of my surroundings and more suspicious of others around me. I

never used to get on the tube and look at everyone and what they were doing, but now I can't help but do so. The other students I live with share the same feelings of insecurity. I have talked with my colleges in my office and some say they have tried not to let it phase them, while a few feel the same of not being completely secure on public transport after the terrorist attacks and feel the need to look at the others around them.

As in post 9/11 America, there was a backlash against certain ethnic communities, unfairly caused by the actions of the extremists. Authorities were under pressure to assuage fears concerning security on public transport and advocated vigilance of all persons and bags nearby. It seems to be the same case in London, with many Muslims being unfairly targeted and suspected. It was stated in the in the news this week that faith based hate crimes against Muslim communities have risen 600%. Overall some ethnic groups such as Muslims are being unfairly targeted not just by authorities, but by the public as well.

These attacks have affected so many people, and working for an MP I was able to see it from a political side. Ms. Thornberry had to do many press interviews in the days after the attacks. She visited the emergency morgue where the bodies were brought and thanked all the people involved for doing everything they could to help the families of the deceased. She also went to the tube stations that are still closed and being repaired and thanked the police and workers who had to do some of the hardest work in a time of emergency. She was greatly appreciated for acknowledging those who had to work under very difficult circumstances. Over all I feel the British have not let these attacks affect their way of life, and even though there is a sense of insecurity they don't seem to show it. The experiences I have had in London both good and bad have made me grow as a person and will stay with me for years to come.

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## A Message to Our Alumni...

One of the pleasures of teaching Government at Suffolk is that so many of our alumni work on Beacon Hill. This lets me keep in touch with many old friends by stopping to chat as I bike to work in the morning, or on my walk up from Park Street if the weather is bad.

I enjoy these meetings immensely. However, many others work far from campus – in the suburbs, in Washington, in New York, in California, in Brussels, or in Africa, to mention just a few spots that spring to mind.

We hope this newslet-

ter will help us keep in touch with more of you, and help you keep in touch with each other by including an “Alumni News” section. This area will be where we can share what our alumni are doing, whether it is professional or personal. We’re really proud of our government department alums and want you to be able to share your successes with each other.



We’d also like to have some events to bring alumni together. Now it’s up to you! Please send us your news, and we will put it in this space in the next issue. Send

your recommendations for events you’d like to see, as well.

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...and if you happen to be nearby, do stop in to say hello!

- John Berg

(Editor’s Note: Please have all Spring submissions in by January, 2006.)