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SU Political Research Center Calls the Polls in 2010

David Paleologos led the Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC) to rousing success in the November 2010 general elections, calling all seven out of the seven United States Senate races they polled, as well as scoring accurate margins of victory for many Massachusetts candidates, including incumbent Governor Deval Patrick.

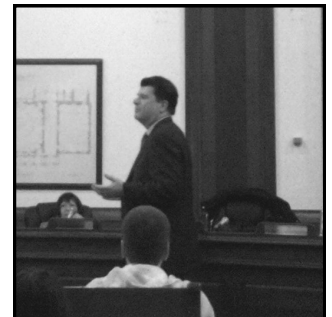
In the weeks leading up to the election, SUPRC conducted polls in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Connecticut, Nevada, California and Massachusetts (polled twice). Respondents were asked about both federal and state-level candidates for office, national political figures, and local issues and ballot questions. Bellwether polls, done in counties that have more often than not correctly predicted the results of previous elections, were conducted in the majority of states.

David's polls correctly predicted the outcomes of US Senate races in California, Nevada, Florida, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois, and predicted the margin of victory accurately in many of the races as well, including victories for embattled Democrats Harry Reid in Nevada and Barbara Boxer in California, who defeated Republicans Sharron Angle and Carly Fiorina, respectively.

In Massachusetts, SUPRC correctly predicted Governor Patrick's margin of victory: seven points over Republican challenger Charlie Baker. Victories (and in many cases margins of error) were also correctly predicted in the four other major statewide races in Massachusetts: Martha Coakley's reelection to Attorney General, Bill Galvin's to Secretary of State, Steve Grossman's victory in the Treasurer race, and Suzanne Bump's for State Auditor.

Making the rounds after Election Day, David appeared on Fox25 news to discuss Suffolk's successes both locally and nationwide with Doug "VB" Goudie. Suffolk's praises were also sung by the Boston *Herald* and by Boston.com blogger Garrett Quinn. David also participated in the Government Department's post-election roundtable discussion, Making Sense of the 2010 Midterms.

This spring David will teach his annual Political Survey Research class for the Government Department. For a complete archive of SUPRC's polls please see: <http://www.suffolk.edu/research/1450.html>.



Above: Political Research Director **David Paleologos** discusses the SUPRC's success after the November elections.

A Message from the Chair: Dr. Rachael Cobb

Greetings! Fall 2010 was a blockbuster semester for the Government Department with visits from writers, scholars, and a former White House Chief of Staff as you will read about in the pages ahead.

Suffolk University could not be more perfectly located for Government Majors. This past semester we took advantage of our location as much as possible. Students in Introduction to American Government arrived in throngs to the Massachusetts State House for tours; then, one month later, we took over Hearing Room 1A for a standing-room only discussion of the recent mid-term elections. Students had the opportunity to hear about faculty research and the impact of research on public policy.

Suffolk Government students are learning firsthand about the impact of research on policy decisions and on questions vital to the health of democracy by conducting their own research. This semester, in spring 2011 students, will present the fruits of their labor at an expanded version of our annual research conference. We present "Research Week: Examining the Elements of Democracy." Students working on research papers, on Honors theses, and on their own independent research will have the opportunity to present their work and receive valuable feedback from peers and professors. We encourage everyone to attend and see our students in action.

- Rachael Cobb, Department Chair

Government Department News & Announcements

- Professor **John O'Callaghan** was honored at the October 2010 Annual Dean's Reception for his forty years of service to Suffolk University. Professor O'Callaghan, who graduated from Suffolk Law School as well as receiving his undergraduate degree from Suffolk, serves as both the chair of the Government Department Honors Committee as well as the department's prelaw advisor. He teaches an extensive list of courses for our Politics, Law and the Courts track, and coordinates campus-wide prelaw advising as the chair of the Prewal Advising Committee. Professor O'Callaghan was one of five members of the Suffolk community to receive their forty year honors that night. Congratulations, Professor O'Callaghan!
- **Jake Hess**, a 2007 graduate of Suffolk University, was arrested and detained in Diyarbakir, Turkey in August of 2010. Jake was working as a freelance journalist for the Inter Press Service News Agency and was reporting on human rights abuses committed by the Turkish government against the Kurdish population. He was detained for several days in Turkey before being deported the United States. A New Hampshire native, Jake received his undergraduate degree in International Affairs from Suffolk and a Master's Degree from Brown University. Has worked as a human rights activist, journalist, translator and English language instructor.
- Professor **Teri Fair** is engaged to Matthew Platt, assistant professor of Government at Harvard University. The couple plan to marry on June 11, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. Congratulations!
- Professor **Teri Fair** was award the Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year award by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.
- Lecturer **Brad Bannon** guest hosts "The Leslie Marshall Show," a nationally syndicated political radio program every Thursday evening. On October 14, 2010 he interviewed Salon.com political blogger Rebecca Traister, Marin Corgan from Politico.com, and Sam Bennett, president of the Women's Campaign Fund. The episode dealt with a variety of issues regarding women, feminism and politics. Professor Bannon also hosts his own political talk show on WWZN AM 1510 and has continued his blogging with a blog on US News & World Report's website.
- Several Suffolk Government alumni achieved electoral success in the November 2010 elections. **Paul Adams**, who double majored in International Relations and Economics and graduated from Suffolk in 2006, won the Massachusetts House race in the 17th Essex legislative district. Paul hails from Andover, MA and has worked as campaign and policy consultant for many Massachusetts candidates. And **Ryan Fattman**, a Political Science major from the class of 2007, won a seat in the House of Representatives in the 18th Worcester district. Ryan has also served as a Selectman from his hometown of Sutton, MA (he is the youngest person elected to such a position in commonwealth history) and is working on his Master's Degree at Tufts University. Both Paul and Ryan are Republicans.
- Professor **Robert Laffey** will be teaching a Spring 2011 semester course that involves a study trip to Egypt. See the fall issue for more details and photos.
- **Kwabena Mantey**, who received his Master's Degree in International Relations from Suffolk in 2009, recently accepted a position with Yanhak and Associates in Ghana.
- **Sonia Bryan**, a Suffolk dual degree holder (Bachelors in Government in 1986 and JD from the Law School in 1993) was recently appointed as the Diversity Director for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- For the second time in as many years, Professor **Judy Dushku** hosted African scholar and human rights activist **Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku** on campus in November 2010. Ms. Zedriga attended classes and spoke at a lunch sponsored by the on-campus group, Mirembe On My Mind.
- In August 2010, lecturer **Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo** was honored with a reception by Le Centre d'Etudes Politiques at the University of Kinshasa in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo where he discussed the status of political science and social science research based on his own academic and professional profile.
- Professor **Rachael Cobb** will serve as the College of Arts and Sciences faculty representative on the Presidential Search Committee during their search for a replacement for recently departed University President David Sargent.
- Professor **John O'Callaghan**, the Prewal Advisor for the Government Department, is please to announce that the following Government alumni are presently working on their first year of law school: Christopher Aguiar, Sarah Baldwin and Michele Beatty at Suffolk Law School, and Timothy Ramsey at Georgetown Law School.

ALUMNI! SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Government Department Alumni Networking Event will be held 6:00-7:30pm on Wednesday, April 27th at the Downtown Harvard Club at 1 Federal Street. This year we honor longtime Government professor Judy Dushku!

Faculty & Student Publications and Presentations

- **Jessica Ross**, an undergraduate Government major, had her paper, "Robots in the Classroom: Accountability, Curriculum, and Instruction in High Poverty Schools," chosen for presentation at the September 2010 American Political Science Association's annual meeting. Jessica was one of twenty students selected nationally for the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute at Duke University. This APSA program encourages African American, Latino, and Native American students to pursue PhDs in political science; the top ten papers are chosen for presentation in a poster session at the annual APSA meeting. This is the second consecutive year that a Suffolk Government student was selected for the Bunche Summer Institute. Additionally, Jessica was selected as an American Political Science Association Minority Fellow for 2011-2012; this program provides funding for minority students who pursue PhDs in Political Science.
- Dean **Sebastián Royo** continued his writing, publishing and presenting throughout 2010. He published the article, "Portugal and Spain in the EU: Paths of Economic Divergence (2000-07)" in the Portuguese journal *Análise Social*, Vol. XLV (195). He also attended several academic conferences, where he presented the following papers: "The Limits of Convergence: Portugal in the EU," at the *Workshop for SES&P Special Issue on Southern Europe and the EU*, at Bilkent University in Izmir, Turkey on October 15, 2010; "From Boom to Bust: The Global Crisis and the Spanish Financial Sector," at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, on October 2, 2010; "Portugal and Spain in the EU: Lessons from the Crisis," at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington DC in September 2010; and "Portugal and Spain in the EU After 25 Years: Challenges and Lessons," at the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC on September 2, 2010.
- Professor **Ken Cosgrove** presented his paper, "Democratic Branding, 2008-2010," at the Northeastern Political Science Association's November 2010 meeting in Boston.
- Lecturer **Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo** attended the 2010 Annual Conference of the Council for Development of Social Research in Africa in October 2010 in Dakar, Senegal. The theme of the conference was "Enhancing the Authority of CODESRIA Journals in Global Knowledge Production."
- Professor **Brian Conley** has published the following papers: "Route to '66: Ray Bliss, the 1966 Election and the Development of the Republican Service Party," in *The American Review of Politics* in the summer of 2010; and "States and the Making of the 'Service' Party: The Case of the Postwar Ohio Republican Party" in *The Journal of American Studies* in September of 2010. Professor Conley also served as a panelist for the "Impact of the 2010 Midterm Elections: A Northeastern Perspective" panel at the Northeast Political Science Association's meeting in November of 2010. Finally, Professor Conley will attend the March 2011 Midwest Political Science Association's meeting in Chicago where he will present an as-yet untitled paper on the 2010 midterm elections.
- Professor **Teri Fair** presented, "Shrinking Cities and Changes in Neighborhood Stabilization Policies," at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Washington DC, where she also attended a workshop entitled "Comparative Urban Politics." Professor Fair published a book chapter, "Shifting Spaces and Changing Faces: The Impact of Race and Population Shifts on Municipal Representation in Select Georgia Counties," in *African Americans in Georgia: A Reflection of Politics and Policy in the New South*. Professor Fair is currently serving as the Program Co-Chair for the 2011 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, which will be held March 16-20 in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Professor **John Berg**, who is currently enjoying his sabbatical, will present a paper, "President Obama, the Tea Party Movement, and the Crisis of the American Party System," at the annual conference of the American Politics Group of the Political Studies Association at the University of Oxford in January 2011.

 - Professor **Simone Chun** served as the chair of the "Kant and International Intervention" panel at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Washington DC in September of 2010. She also delivered a public lecture here at Suffolk University, "The Evil State: Collective Memory and National Identity in North Korea," in October of 2010. This lecture was cosponsored by the Asian Studies program and the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies. Among the distinguished attendees was Consul Um Tae Young from the Republic of Korea's Consulate General in Boston.
- Professor **Agnes Bain** has a chapter published in Larry Sabato's latest book, *Pendulum Swing*. Her chapter is entitled, "Breaking the Wave: The Massachusetts Gubernatorial Election of 2010." The book was released in January of 2010.

Photo Essay: Around the Government Department 2010



Above: On June 19, 2010 in Hong Kong, Professor **Simone Chun** (second from right) attended a dinner at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, where the handover of power from Britain to China occurred in 1997. To her left is Consul General of Republic of Korea in Hong Kong, **Jun Ok-Hyun**. The dinner was hosted by the Center for Asian Pacific Studies.



Above: On October 19, 2010 former White House Chief of Staff **Andrew Card** (who served for five years under President George W. Bush) addressed lecturer **Paul DeBole's** American Politics and Institutions class in the Sawyer Library's Poetry Center. Mr. Card discussed life as a White House Chief of Staff and what it was like to serve in the Bush administration after September 11, 2001. Professor **Rachael Cobb** introduced Mr. Card.



Above: Former Bush White House Chief of Staff **Andrew Card** addresses Government students in the Poetry Center.

Right: Scholar and author **Andrew J. Bacevich** delivered a lecture at the Sawyer Poetry Center on October 27, 2010, where he discussed his latest book, *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War*. Professor Bacevich was introduced by Professors **Roberto Domínguez** and **Robert Laffey**. A podcast of Professor Bacevich's talk is available on the Government Department's website.

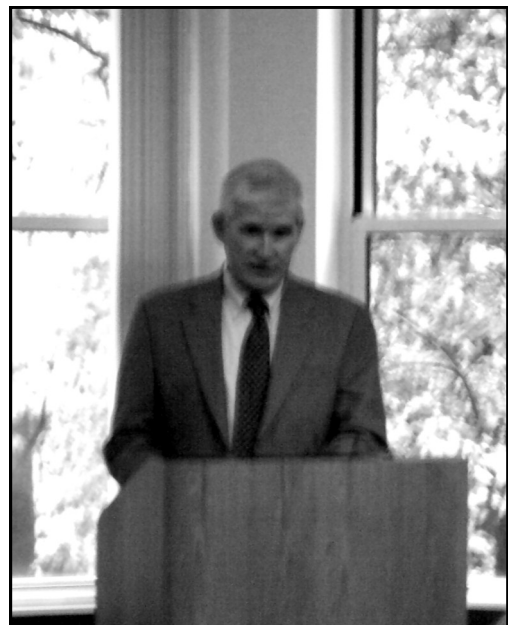


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Left: In the summer of 2010, Dean **Sebastián Royo** taught an intensive, PhD-level course at the Universidad Nacional de Rosario in Argentina: “The Global Crises and the Future of Capitalism.” The course involved lectures both on the university’s campus and in and around the city of Rosario. Dean Royo (third from the right) is pictured with his Argentine students.

Right: On a sunny Thursday afternoon in November, students and faculty gathered for an intimate discussion with Professor **Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo**, a lecturer in the Government Department, about issues of globalization, economics and power with regards to China’s involvement in the African continent. Professor Kasongo (below) is a well-regarded scholar of African and Asian relations, and has taught a variety of courses for the Government Department.



Above Left: In September 2010 Professor **John Berg** (center) received the Charles A. McCoy Career Achievement Award from the American Political Science Association. With him at the reception following the award ceremony are **Martha Richmond** (left) of the Chemistry Department and **Rachael Cobb** (right), his successor as chair of the Government Department. **Above Right:** In a marathon presentation session in December 2010, four Master’s Degree candidates successfully defended their internship papers. From left, Professor **Robert Laffey**, Andrea St. Pierre, Professor **Simone Chun**, Tanya Burovtseva, Lea Wink, Kaitlin Regensburger and Professor **Roberto Domínguez**.



Renowned Scholars Visit the Government Department

During the fall semester, the Government Department continued its tradition of inviting distinguished scholars and visitors to address its students. The fall visits began on October 6, when lecturer **Brad Bannon** invited author and journalist **Rebecca Traister** to speak to his GVT 110 - Introduction to American Government students. Ms. Traister discussed her recent book, *Big Girls Don't Cry: The Election That Changed Everything for American Women*, a study of the 2008 election cycle and three of the women who had an impact on the race: Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama and Sarah Palin. She answered a variety of questions from the audience and touched on issues of sexism and feminism in politics, media coverage and elections.

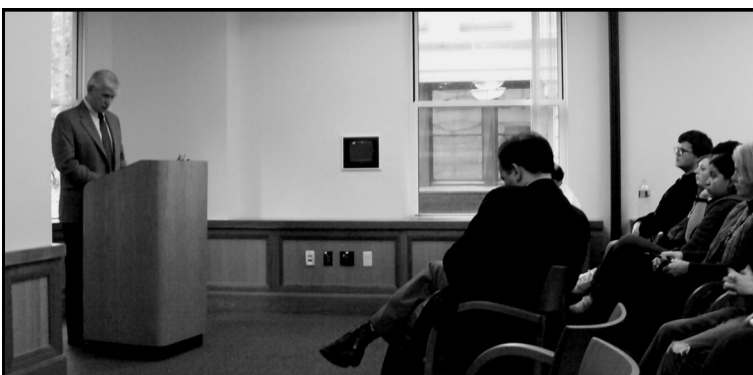
On October 19 former White House Chief of Staff **Andrew Card** visited the students in lecturer **Paul DeBole's** GVT 223 - American Politics and Institutions course, where he discussed his five years as Chief of Staff to former President George W. Bush. Topics covered included the role of a chief of staff, their relationship with the president, daily life in the White House and, more specifically, what went on in the Bush Administration in the days after September 11, 2001 and during the lead-up to the Iraq War in 2003. Mr. Card spoke for over an hour and a half and took questions from students.

October 27 featured not one, but two distinguished visitors to the Government Department. **Frances Moore Lappé** returned for her third visit to Suffolk in five years and gave two presentations. The first was a morning meeting with GVT 110 students. The second was a lecture session on the Coffee Party, an alternative to the Tea Party. Ms. Lappé is the founder of the Small Planet Institute and the author of many books on environmentalism, sustainability and democracy. Her visit was sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences, the Government Department and the Environmental Studies program.

Also on October 27, Boston University professor and former career officer in the U.S. Army **Andrew J. Bacevich** presented a lecture in the Sawyer Library's Poetry Center on his latest book, *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War*. The book was written as part of the American Empire Project, which discusses and analyzes the foreign policy of the United States in the framework of empire building. Dr. Bacevich's other books include *The Limits of Power*, *The New American Militarism*, and *American Empire*. His visit was made possible by Professors **Roberto Domínguez** and **Robert Laffey**.

Finally, on November 18, longtime department lecturer **Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo** presented an intimate and thorough talk on issues related to "Globalization and China in Africa." Professor Kasongo taught a graduate-level section of International Political Economy for the Government Department in the fall.

For photos from some of these events, please see the photo spread in this newsletter. For more information on these visiting scholars and for podcasts of some of their presentations, please see the Government Department website.



Above, left: Andrew Bacevich delivers his lecture to students and faculty in the Poetry Center. Seated in the audience are Professors Roberto Domínguez, Ken Cosgrove and Judith Dushku.

Above, right: Andrew Card poses with Professor Rachael Cobb and some of Paul DeBole's students before he delivers his talk in the Poetry Center.

Government Department Continues Retention Efforts

The Government Department continued its efforts of engaging and retaining first year students throughout the fall 2010 semester. A highly successful and well attended tour of the Massachusetts State House took place on October 26, 2010. Over one hundred students in six sections of GVT 110 participated in the guided tour of the historic State House.

Additionally on November 9, 2010, the Government Department hosted an Election Day recap: "Making Sense of the 2010 Midterm Elections." The overflowing crowd heard presentations and contributions by department full-time faculty members **Agnes Bain**, **Brian Conley** and **Ken Cosgrove**, lecturers **Brad Bannon** and **Scott Sullivan**, and by SU Political Research Center Director **David Paleologos**. The panel was emceed by Professor **Rachael Cobb**.

The event was held in one of the meeting rooms at the State House. Each panelist took 5-10 minutes to discuss an issue or item of interest



Above: From left, Professors **Brian Conley**, **Rachael Cobb** and **Agnes Bain**, and lecturer **Scott Sullivan**, participate in the "Making Sense of the Midterm Elections" panel at the State House.



Above: Political Research Director **David Paleologos** and Professors **Ken Cosgrove** and **Brian Conley** listen to audience questions following their presentations.

arising from the

November 2 election. Professor Cosgrove discussed the effectiveness of Republican candidates' political marketing and advertising; Professor Bain spoke about campaign tactics and other issues related to the Massachusetts governor's race (she is working on a book chapter on the subject, see page 3 for details); Professor Conley looked at the major themes, including Democratic disorganization, that helped shape the election; David Paleologos had not only the successful SUPRC polling to talk about, but also the impact that Suffolk's polling has had on legislation; and finally Scott Sullivan illustrated several of the life lessons that young, college-age voters might take from the recent election cycle. After the panelists finished their presentations, the floor was opened to the audience, and a lively question and answer session concluded the program.

All Government 110 students were required to attend this event, but it was also open to the wider Suffolk community, and the audience included many other

students and some Suffolk alumni. Retention efforts are meant to encourage students to not only remain Government majors, but also to engage them politically, intellectually and socially with their peers and the faculty and staff of the department.

Announcing The Government Department's 3rd Annual Research Conference!

The Suffolk University Government Department is thrilled to announce its 3rd Annual Student Research Conference: "Examining Elements of Democracy." This year, in an exciting development, the conference has been expanded into a full Research Week!

Research Week will take place from **Monday, April 4 until Friday, April 8**, and will feature opening ceremonies, poster and panel discussions, and a closing awards ceremony. Dr. **Jennifer Lees-Marshment** of the University of Auckland (New Zealand) will serve as the keynote speaker for the week.

If you have any questions about the upcoming conference, please contact Professor **Teri Fair** at tfair@suffolk.edu or check out the conference blog at <http://blogs.cas.suffolk.edu/gvtsrc/>.

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Alumni! Your Help is Needed! Volunteer Today!

Dear Government Alumni - Are you looking for a way to give back to the Government Department? Are you interested in connecting with potential freshman? Are you willing to offer your advice, expertise and guidance to the next generation of Government Majors? Then this is your chance! The Government Department and the Office of Undergraduate Admission are looking to recruit Government alumni who are willing to serve as Alumni Ambassadors to accepted freshmen. Alumni can participate in a variety of ways, including contacting accepted students via phone or email, and attending college fairs or admissions events.

Interested? Please contact Joyce Caruso, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions at 617-573-8460 or by email at jcaruso@suffolk.edu.

Are you a Master's Degree alum? You can help by providing information and personal contact with students interested in our MSPS programs, too! Join the **Alumni Admissions Network** online at www.suffolk.edu/admission/11596.html.

This is a great opportunity for alumni to interact with the incoming freshman class, and a personal contact can go a long way in encouraging students to take a closer look at Suffolk University and the Government Department! We thank you in advance for your efforts!

If you have any questions or concerns about this program please contact the Government Department at 617-557-2093.

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