

# THE FILIBUSTER

News from the Department of Political Science  
Western Illinois University  
Fall 2012

*“Once a member of the Political Science Family, always a member...”*



From the Chair...

We are pleased to welcome two new faces to the Political Science Department. Kimberly Rice has joined us as a new assistant professor. She will be teaching courses in public law, the courts, judicial behavior, and law and society. Kim received her PhD at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and spent last year at Washington State University. She is already working with our student mock trial team, which recently traveled to Washington D.C. to compete. Kim is also putting together a new course on judicial simulations to help prepare for regional and national competitions. Gail Ault joined the department in late May as our new office manager. She has extensive experience at Western and is doing a great job managing our busy department. Among her many other responsibilities, Gail put together this newsletter. Please send any news items or other updates to Gail at [gd-ault@wiu.edu](mailto:gd-ault@wiu.edu) or call her at 309-298-1055. We also welcome back Janna Deitz and Daniel Ogbaharya after a year away. Dr. Deitz spent last year in Washington as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow.

The mock trial competition mentioned above illustrates how important experiential learning is for our students, and it is one of my top priorities as department chair. As the newsletter describes in more detail below, a number of students are participating in internships, both in political campaigns and government agencies. Experiences such as the Mock Presidential Election, Model Illinois Government, and Model U.N. also help build career-related and citizenship skills. If you can help our students with internships or other experiential learning opportunities, please contact me at [ka-boeckelman@wiu.edu](mailto:ka-boeckelman@wiu.edu), or call the office at the number listed above.

This Fall's elections have been a hectic time for our department. A number of our faculty members, including Julia Albarracin, Vin Auger, Greg Baldi, Jonathan Day, Janna Deitz, Rick Hardy, Casey LaFrance, Jongho Lee, Daniel Ogbaharya, and Macherie Placide have appeared on TV, radio, or in the print media discussing the election. On Wednesday, December 14, Jonathan Day, Janna Deitz, Jongho Lee, and Kim Rice presented their insights into the presidential election in a panel discussion entitled "After: A Discussion of the Results of the November 6 Presidential Election." Before the election, Jonathan Day also organized and moderated a "mock presidential debate" on domestic policy and the economy.

Department faculty and students continue to receive awards and honors. Earlier this Fall, Erin Taylor received the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the university's top teaching award. Last spring, Tucker Copi was named the Arts and Sciences College Scholar, which honors the best student in

the college. Jenna Verity received the College of Arts and Sciences Honorary Recognition Award for Social Sciences for Spring 2012. Another political science student, Michael Quigley, has been named soldier of the year for the 108<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade of the Illinois National Guard.

It is the end of an era, as William Anderson, one of the university's longest serving faculty members, has announced his retirement at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. Bill has taught a wide variety of course on international relations and other topics. He is well-known among students and colleagues for his intellect and wit. We wish Bill the best in his retirement.

As mentioned above, our new office manager Gail Ault has taken over the editorship of *The Filibuster*. We thank her for keeping track of all our department's activities, as well as for her skill in writing and design. Please let Gail know if you have news to share – a new job, promotion, advanced degree, honor, or any other significant experience. We love to hear from our alums and flash back to what you were like back then. Again, Gail can be reached at 309-298-1055 or [gd-ault@wiu.edu](mailto:gd-ault@wiu.edu).

For the latest events, please visit our web page at [www.wiu.edu/PoliticalScience](http://www.wiu.edu/PoliticalScience).

*Dr. Keith Boeckelman, Professor  
Chair*

### **Dr. Erin Taylor Awarded for Teaching**

Erin N. Taylor, associate professor, received the 2012 Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Teaching. She was honored for her achievement at a reception October 10<sup>th</sup>.



The selection committee noted: "Taylor writes: 'The underlying goal in all of my courses is fundamentally the same: to prepare my students for their lives as democratic citizens.' Dr. Taylor achieves this goal with a teaching style that is 'centered on student

involvement,' and this involvement occurs at every level of undergraduate and graduate learning at Western. Dr. Taylor has taught FYE sections, general education courses, upper-level political science classes for majors, and a graduate course.

Her approach to teaching at all levels shows solid pedagogy and innovation. The breadth and quality of her teaching made her a standout candidate for this award. In addition to excellent teaching, she led the overhauling of the assessment of student learning metrics for her department producing better data for the political science faculty. Professor Taylor clearly demonstrates a high level of energy that she injects into her classroom interactions with her students."

*\*excerpts taken from news release from University Relations, October 8, 2012*

### **Dr. Keith Boeckelman Named Chair of Political Science Department**

Western Illinois University Political Science Professor Keith Bockelman has been named chair of the WIU Political Science Department, effective July 1.

Boeckelman, who came to Western as an assistant professor in 1998, has been serving as the department's interim chairperson since July 2010.

"I thank Dr. Boeckelman for serving as interim chair of the department of political science and look forward to continuing to work with him," said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Susan Martinelli-Fernandez. "His administrative abilities, academic commitment, and dedication to civic engagement will serve his department, the College of Arts and Sciences, and Western Illinois University well."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Drake University in Des Moines, IA, Boeckelman received both his master's degree in political science and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana (IL).

Before coming to Western, Boeckelman was an assistant political science professor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Louisiana State University. He has also served as a visiting assistant professor at Texas A&M University and was a legislative analyst for the Illinois House of Representatives. He was also a research fellow for the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at WIU.

Boeckelman has published the book, "Barack Obama: The New Face of American Politics," as well as numerous articles in political journals, book chapters and conference speaking engagements. He also won the 2007 WIU College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award and has served as the campus co-chair for the WIU American Democracy Project, adviser for the WIU Student Government Association and is on the board of advisers for Project Vote Smart's "Key Votes" program.

*\*excerpted from news release prepared by University Relations, July 13, 2012*

## Mock Election Predicts Obama Victory, Ryan as Romney Running Mate

As Election Day draws near, students involved in the 2011 Mock Presidential Election, "The Road to the White House Starts at Western Illinois University," can be proud that they chose the Republican side of the ticket months before it became a reality.

In November 2011, students involved in the mock election chose

Barack Obama as the winner of the 2012 general election. But in a surprise move, they chose Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as his vice president, ousting Joe Biden.



Students also voted for the GOP ticket of Gov. Mitt Romney and Congressman Paul Ryan as the Republican nominees for the general election.

The Mock Presidential Election idea was born in the mid-1970s when organizer and Honors College Director Richard Hardy was a doctoral student at the University of Iowa. WIU Professor John Hemingway was also involved in the project as a teaching assistant and has been an instrumental part of the WIU events.

Hardy also held mock elections at the University of Missouri, before coming to Western.

Hardy said he believes the WIU event has since grown to be one of the most elaborate on a college campus anywhere involving thousands of students. During the 2007 event, students again chose Barack Obama as the election winner, which at the time seemed like a long-shot choice.

Through the mock elections, Hardy said students learn a variety of lessons, including details about the Electoral College and Roberts Rules of Order. Political Science majors took lead roles in

organizing mock campaigns and speaking on behalf of students.

"Students get a better view about what went on; a better understanding of the process," Hardy said. "Students get excited about the process."

For more information about the 2011 Mock Election, visit [wiumockelection.com](http://wiumockelection.com).

*\*excerpted from news release prepared by University Relations, October 24, 2012*

### Dr. Kimberly Rice Hired as New Faculty



Dr. Kimberly Rice joined the department in August as a new Assistant Professor. Dr. Rice recently received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, where her dissertation was “Delegation, Doctrine and Deference: Reevaluating the Relationship between Federal Courts and Federal Administrative Agencies.” Her research interests include Judicial Politics and Behavior, U.S. Courts of Appeals, Administrative Law, and Inter-branch Politics. Dr. Rice has created a new course, POLS 475 – Judicial Simulation, which would guide students through the institutional structure of both civil and criminal trials. She is already proving herself to be an asset to the department.

### Gail Ault hired as new Office Manager

Gail Ault has been hired as the new department office manager. She replaces Debbie Wiley, who retired at the end of the spring semester. Ms. Ault has been a University employee for 11 years. She began her career as a legal assistant with a

local law firm before moving to the University in 2001. She has worked in both the Mathematics and Social Work departments before joining us.

### Featured Major – Michael Quigley

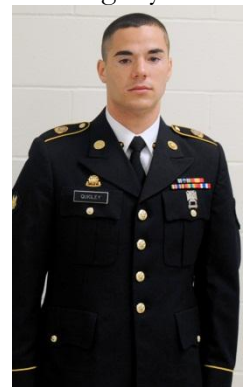
**Michael Quigley**, of Camp Point, has been named the 108<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade’s Soldier of the Year after a two-day competition in August.

Spc. Quigley, who spent months studying and training for the August 11 and 12 competition in

Springfield, was chosen for the honor from nearly 2,100 soldiers.

Quigley serves with Detachment 1 of the 1844th Transportation Company in Beardstown. He is currently a junior at Western. He won against three other top soldiers from the 108th Special Troops Battalion in Chicago, 108th Multifunction's Medical Battalion in Chicago and the 232nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Springfield.

"I am very pleased to have won this great honor," Quigley said. "Really the competition was the culmination of months of studying Army regulations and field manuals, perfecting my soldier tasks and drills and putting in tons of time at the gym all summer long." Quigley and Sgt. Anthony Dowling, of St. Charles, the 108th's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (NCO), will go on to represent the brigade against the Soldiers and NCOs of the Year from three other Illinois Army



National Guard brigades at the state-level competition in September. The winners of the state competition will go on to represent Illinois in the regional competition against states in the region.

"There are only four brigades in the state of Illinois, so no matter how I do at the state competition, I'm already considered one of the top four soldiers in the state," he said. "I can't wait for the state competition; I will be studying harder than ever over this next month to bring home the state title as 'Soldier of the Year' for Illinois."

Quigley said the August competition consisted of physical fitness, soldier drills and land navigation, and the state competition will have weapons qualification, ruck marching, confidence courses and many other physically demanding portions.

While working throughout the summer to prepare for the August competition, Quigley spent three to four hours a day at the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center on campus. He also worked with his girlfriend, WIU senior Kali Graves, and his best friend and former WIU student Martin Renner, of Camp Point, quizzing him.

"Basically I just fully involved myself in preparing for the competition all summer," he said. "My girlfriend and my best friend share just as much stake in my success as I do."

Quigley's sponsor for the competition was Sgt. Justin Palmer, a WIU sophomore geography major from Macomb. Palmer helped Quigley prepare, then took him to the competition and introduced him to the judging board.

*\*excerpted from press release prepared by University Relations, August 20, 2012*

### Political Science Student Association

All political science majors and minors are invited to join the Political Science Student Association (PSSA). PSSA meets every other week during the academic year. Watch for flyers announcing

meeting dates and times. This group is involved in planning social events and sponsoring public lectures/debates, etc., throughout the year. It was a main co-sponsor of the well-attended election night party on campus. PSSA offers our undergraduate and graduate majors/minors an opportunity to get involved in department activities. Dr. Keith Boeckelman serves as advisor for the group.

### Pi Sigma Alpha

Political Science majors and minors with at least 10 s.h. of political science course work, and at least one course at the 300 level or above, with a political science grade point average of 3.0 or above are invited to join Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary society. There is a \$35 initiation fee, which is forwarded to the national headquarters in Washington, DC, required at the time of application. Applications are available in the department office, Morgan Hall 422. Watch for flyers announcing meeting dates and times. Dr. Casey LaFrance serves as advisor for the group.

### Student Internships/Webb Internship Award

Internships are a great educational opportunity. They offer first-hand experience in a professional setting and can give you a real sense of your own abilities and whether that dream job is all you thought it would be. In addition, internships can provide invaluable career opportunities after graduation. Finally, an internship is a real plus on your résumé. You can earn up to 12 s.h. of credit for your internship experience. Six of these hours can be counted toward completion of your political science degree.

WIU alum **Zack Stamp**, of the lobbying and law firm Zack Stamp LTD, has worked with Chair

Keith Boeckelman to develop a new, semester-long internship program with the Illinois legislature. We hope to place students in this internship in the near future.

Several years ago WIU alumnus **Dan Webb**, a prominent attorney from the Chicago area, established the Dan Webb Political Science Internship Award. Funds are now available for distribution to qualified students. For internship award guidelines and an application form, see Ms. Keeling in MG203F.

Recent student internship experiences include the following students.

**Hannah Adeponu**, City of Martinsville (Summer 2012)

**Mark Dasher**, State Senator Dan Duffy campaign (Summer 2012)

**Christopher Zimmerman**, State Senator John Sullivan campaign (Summer 2012)

**Kevin Gerk**, McDonough County Public Defender (Fall 2012)

**Marek Korzinski**, State Senator John Sullivan campaign (Fall 2012)

**Ben Lampere**, Randy Frese campaign for Senate (Fall 2012)

**Brittany Nelson**, State Senator John Sullivan campaign (Fall 2012)

**Michael Quigley**, Randy Frese campaign for Senate (Fall 2012)

**Allison Ramsey**, State Senator John Sullivan campaign (Fall 2012)

**Ryan Zipprich**, Randy Frese campaign for Senate (Fall 2012)

### **Guest Speakers and Panel Discussions**

**“Latino Vote Important Part of Presidential Election,”** an “In the Spotlight” segment of the Peoria Journal Star by Dr. Julia Albarracin and Dr. Keith Boeckelman. [October 22, 2012]

**“Foreign Policy in the Presidential Election,”** a “Campaign Trails” segment on Tri-States Radio by Dr. Vin Auger. Auger talked about that week’s foreign policy debate between Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. [October 24, 2012]

**“Western Community - The U.S. Presidential Election: Views from Abroad,”** a recorded segment by Dr. Greg Baldi for UTV3. [Aired several times during the last week of October and first week of November, 2012.]

Dr. Jonathan Day participated in a panel on **Choosing the Next President: The Role of the U.S. Economy** sponsored by the Department of Economics and Decision Sciences and the Center for Economic Education (CEE). [February 3, 2012, Stipes 121, 2-3 p.m.]

Dr. Jonathan Day acted as moderator for a **Mock Presidential Debate** between Bill Polley, Department of Economics, as “Mitt Romney” and Tom Sadler, Department of Economics, as “Barack Obama.” [October 9, 2012, Morgan 109, 5-7 p.m.]

**“Campaigning vs. Governing,”** a “Campaign Trails” segment on Tri-States Radio by Dr. Janna Deitz and Dr. Keith Boeckelman discussing the differences between campaigning for president and governing as president. [October 17, 2012]

**“AFTER: A Discussion of the Results of November 6<sup>th</sup>,”** a panel discussion held in the Sandburg Theatre on WIU’s campus featuring Dr. Keith Boeckelman, Dr. Jonathan Day, Dr. Janna Deitz, Dr. Jongho Lee, and Dr. Kimberly Rice. Key points of the discussion included “Why President Obama won the election-key factors responsible for the outcome,” “Who chose the winner-the importance of voting blocs,” “What role did money play in shaping the presidential race,” and “How and how much did the mass media color the presidential election-the roles of Fox News, CNN, NY Times, Wall Street Journal, etc.” [November 14, 2012]

**“Gender on the Hill,”** a presentation to the Western Organization for Women (WOW) by Dr. Janna Deitz about her year-long experience as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow in Washington, D.C. [December 3, 2012]

## New Courses

The department has developed a new course that is being offered for the first time this spring semester. **POLS 475, Politics and Science Fiction Genre**, is being offered by Dr. Macherie Placide.

Dr. Julia Albarracin is developing a course on **Politics, Poverty, and Society in the Developing World**, which she hopes to offer in the spring. New faculty member Dr. Kimberly Rice is developing a course on **Judicial Simulation**, which she also hopes to offer in the spring. Dr. Vin Auger is trying to make the U.S.-China Relations course a permanent part of the department curriculum.

## Student Notes

**Maya Stainback** was selected as Department Scholar for Fall 2012 and nominated for the College of Arts and Sciences Scholar.

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 scholarship recipients: **John Johnson**, Marcy & Lulu Bodine Award; **Destiny Hall**, Charles Leonard Memorial Award; **Brooke Ray** and **Dilante Ibeh**, Don Marshall Memorial Award.

**Chris Zimmerman** and **Marek Korzinski**, President and Vice-President of the College Democrats, have been busy this semester trying to make sure their fellow students get out to vote and are well-informed. According to Korzinski,

“Our main focus is to get students involved in the political process, to get them out to vote and to understand more of the political process of the candidates. We want them to understand their issues and what the outcomes of each candidate winning would be.” The College Democrats are also involved in “Rocky the Vote,” where they will participate in a panel session and debate, providing input and discussing platform agendas. In addition, the organization will provide transportation to the voting booths on Election Day. Currently, there are no campus organizations for Republicans or Libertarians.

*\*Excerpts taken from The Western Courier, October 24, 2012.*

Undergraduate students **Katelynn Henry** and **Alexis Kathalynas** both contributed to a *Western Courier* Opinions article entitled “Why My Major Matters: Political Science.” [October 29, 2012]

Several political science majors were recognized as outstanding student leaders by the Office of Student Activities (OSA) at Western Illinois University. **Tucker Copi** and **Cesar Salas** each received the W. Garry Johnson Award for Excellence in Student Governance. **Jenna Verity** was listed on “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges.”

**Michael Quigley** was elected in a 23-0-0 vote by the Student Government Association as speaker of the senate. The position opened up when former speaker, graduate student **D’Angelo Taylor**, was voted in as the University Board of Trustees Student Member.

Graduate student **Oleksandr Iakymenko** from Ukraine began studies here at WIU this fall through the US Department of State’s Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. By selecting emerging leaders from 12 countries of the former Soviet Union, the Muskie program aims to promote mutual understanding, build democracy and foster the transition to market economies in Eurasia and Central Asia through intensive academic study and professional

training. In addition to their academic programs, Muskie fellows gain exposure to American values through a community service experience and develop professional skills through a full-time internship in their field of study. The Muskie program is highly competitive, with a 4 percent rate of acceptance.

Graduate student **Emmanuel Balogun** with **William Anderson** presented “Change and Continuity: The Shaping of President Obama’s African Policy” at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago April 12-15.

33 political science undergraduate students participated in Undergraduate Research Day. Podium presentations were made by: **Ziyad Al-Mutairi, Georgia Gum, John Herbst, and Jose LeBron**. Poster presentations were made by: **Zachary Bryant, John Cellini, David Cifuentes, Robert Flinn, Preston Ford, Steven Fuller, Elizabeth Gajewski, Devarsea Greene, Gregory Henseler, Kelley Lahey, Kyle Leng, Joseph McWalter, Matthew Metzger, Tracy Mueller, Jake Nebergall, Jatina Pettigrew, Lavon Powell, Matthew Rinker, Micca Russell, Bradley Ryba, Cesar Salas, Jacob Schweit, Christopher Simmering, Christopher Solger, Maya Stainback, Stephen Taylor, Kristine Tume, Michael Vanovermeir, and Benjamin Winterrowd.**

13 political science undergraduate received a College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Grant. They are **Ziyad Al-Mutairi, Lewis Avoletta, Robert Flinn, Georgia Gum, Kyle Leng, Matthew Metzger, Lavon Powell, Bradley Ryba, Cesar Salas, Jacob Schweit, Christopher Solger, Stephen Taylor, and Kristine Tume.**

**Beth Greenwood** attended the New Leadership Illinois Conference, sponsored by the Institute for Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and the Illinois General Assembly Women’s caucus during the summer. New Leadership is a week-long, non-partisan, residential program for college women designed

to increase women’s representation in all elements of public life, including public office.



**Tucker Copi, Caleb Markie, LaToya Williams, Miriam Brabham, Joe Pienta, Josh Wood, Morgan Harrison, Jonathan McGee, Antonio Marshall, and Brooke Doyle**

participated in the Model Illinois Government simulation held in Springfield, IL March 1-4. **McGee** and **Markey** won awards for best House member and best Senate committee member respectively.



**Beth Greenwood, Lindsey Posmanick, Max Olack, Cesar Salas, John Landes, John Green, William Grover, John Benning, Josh Wood, Brady Childs, Daniel Schmidt, and Matt Rohrer** participated in the Model United Nations simulation in St. Louis, MO February 15-18. **Posmanick** and **Rohrer** received honorable mention awards for their performances.

## Alumni News

**Robert Flinn** (2011) has been hired as a Legal Assistant with Leighton Legal Group, LLC, Bloomington, Illinois.

**Neil Flynn** (1976) was awarded the Golden Horseshoe Award for Best Contract Lobbyist.

**Emily Rasch Jansen** (2001) is an attorney at Riffner Barber, LLC and an adjunct instructor at Oakton Community College.

**Samuel Lozier** (2007) is a strategist at Revolution Messaging in Washington, DC.

**Kelly Hartford Mierkowski** (1990) is the manager of grants management division for the City of Urbana.





**Jenna Verity** (2012) has been nominated for the 2012 NCAA Woman of the Year. The award honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership.

## Recent Faculty Activities

**Julia Albarracin** became a member of the Board of the League of Women Voters of McDonough County.

**Julia Albarracin** served as a moderator in “Difficult Conversations, Self-Segregation on Campus, Western Illinois University, September 26.

**Julia Albarracin** organized an International Day of Peace celebration, September 21.

**Julia Albarracin** proposed creation of new course, POLS 424 – Politics, Poverty and Society, which was subsequently approved.

**Julia Albarracin**, Dolores Albarracin, and Wei Wang. “Are Confident Partisans Disloyal? The Role of Defensive Confidence in Party Defection.” *American Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. 42:1576-1598.

**Julia Albarracin**, Wei Wang, and Dolores Albarracin. “Do Confident People Behave Differently? The Role of Defensive Confidence on Partisan Defection, Attention to Politics, and Political Participation.” *Improving Public Opinion Surveys: Interdisciplinary Innovation and the American National Election Studies*. Edited by Kathleen McGraw and John Aldrich (Princeton University Press, 2012).

**Julia Albarracin**, Kristina Wilson, Marta R. Durantini, Candi Crause, and Dolores Albarracin. “Reducing Cultural and Psychological Barriers to

Latino Enrollment in HIV-Prevention Counseling: Initial Data on an Enrollment Meta-Intervention.” Forthcoming in *AIDS Care*.

**William Anderson** presented “Change and Continuity: The Shaping of President Obama’s African Policy” at the Midwest Political Science Association, held in Chicago April 12-15.

**William Anderson** and **Emmanuel Balogun** presented “Change and Continuity: The Shaping of President Obama’s African Policy” at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago April 12-15.

**Vin Auger** presented “The Selective Implementation of International Norms: The ‘Responsibility to Protect’” at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago April 12-15.

**Greg Baldi**. “Schools with a Difference: Policy Discourses and Education Reform in Britain and Germany.” *West European Politics*, 35: 999-1023.

**Greg Baldi** was inducted into WIU’s Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society chapter Eta Epsilon in April 2012.

**Greg Baldi** received a 2012 Summer Stipend Award in the amount of \$3,000 from the WIU Foundation & Office of Sponsored Projects.

**Keith Boeckelman** presented “Waiting for Gov-O: States as Laboratories of Democracy in the Great Recession” at the Illinois Political Science Association conference in Chicago, Illinois, November 10.

**Keith Boeckelman**, **Jongho Lee**, **Jonathan Day**. “Influence on the Vote for Statewide Black Candidates in Illinois.” *Illinois Political Science Review*. Fall/Volume 14, 36-52.

**Jonathan Day**, **Casey LaFrance**, et al. presented “An Analysis of the Illinois Voter Registration Database” at the Illinois Political Science

Association conference in Chicago, Illinois, November 10.

**Jonathan Day, Keith Boeckelman.** “The Impact of Legislative Term Limits on State Debt: Increased Spending, Flat Revenue.” *Politics & Policy*. 40(2): 320-338.

**Jonathan Day** presented “A Political Science Simulation: Implications of a Mock Presidential Election for Student Learning and Interest in the Political Process” at the Illinois Political Science Association meetings in Elgin, Illinois, February 24-25.

**Jonathan Day** received the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) first Soaring Eagle Award last spring at the 2012 House of Delegates. He has led the WIU/UPI Cares, a joint venture to provide food for the poor of McDonough County, since it began two years ago.

**Janna Deitz and Keith Boeckelman.** “Stimulating 2008: A Mock Presidential Election’s Impact on Civic Engagement.” *PS* 45: 743-747.

**Rick Hardy** served as a National Judge for the Finals of “We the People . . .,” the National High School Civics Competition at Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, April 28-May 2.

**Rick Hardy** served as a Discussion Leader of “Civil Liberties and the Fourteenth Amendment” for the national civics competition “We the People . . .” in Fairfax, VA, April 27.

**Rick Hardy** was invited to write an article for the American Bar Association’s magazine for civil educators entitled “The Evolving Constitutional Status of Political Parties” for the Fall 2012 issue.

**Rick Hardy** conducted a workshop on “Civil Rights and Civil Political Parties” at the Illinois Summer Workshop for 40 secondary social studies teachers, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education’s “We the People . . .” Program at North Park University in Chicago, Illinois, July 9-10.

**Rick Hardy** conducted a workshop on “Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances” for 35 secondary teachers at the Missouri Bar, Columbia College, Columbia, MO, July 17-18.

**Rick Hardy** presented a webinar on the “Role of Political Parties in American Government” for the Center for Civic Education, August 1.

**Rick Hardy, Jonathan Day, Keith Boeckelman,** and David Rohall. “Stimulating Civic Engagement Through a Mock Election,” *National Civic Review*, Spring 2012.

**Casey LaFrance and Jonathan Day.** “Bureaucratic v. Professional Accountability in Local Law Enforcement Management Revisited,” *Western Journal of Criminal Justice*.

**Casey LaFrance.** “The County Sheriff’s Leadership and Management Decisions in the Local Budget Process Revisited,” *International Journal of Police Science and Management*, 14: 2.

**Casey LaFrance** presented “The Relationship Between Years in Service and Prioritization of Agency Rules in Local Law Enforcement Organizations: Data from Iowa, Illinois, and Georgia” at the Illinois Political Science Association conference in Elgin, Illinois, February 25.

**Casey LaFrance, Jonathan Day and Kimberly J. Rice** presented “Perspectives on Legal Liability Issues and Trends in Copitn with Legal Liability Demands Among County Sheriffs: A Preliminary Analysis” at the Illinois Political Science Association conference in Chicago, Illinois November 10.

**Macherie Placide** presented “Broadband Assets: Budgetary Impact of Wi-Fi on Local Government—A Governance Case Study” at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago April 12-15.

**Macherie Placide** and **Casey LaFrance** presented “Historical Reflections on U.S. Presidential Elections” at the Western Illinois University History Conference in Macomb, Illinois March 24.

**Macherie Placide** served as a discussant for the panel “The Success and Failure of Public Leadership” at the Midwest Political Science Association held in Chicago April 12-15.

**Kimberly J. Rice** presented “Deference to Administrative Agencies: Evidence from State High Courts” at the Illinois Political Science Association conference in Chicago, Illinois November 10.

