The Department of Political Science and International Affairs welcomes Robert W. Smith as Chair. Dr. Smith previously was on the faculty at Clemson University where he directed the Master of Public Administration Program. He also served as a senior budget official in the New York State Division of the Budget working under Governors Cuomo and Pataki and was a regional director for US Senator and UN Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Dr. Smith has published widely and his research and teaching interests are in the areas of public budgeting, administrative ethics and civic engagement. Upon assuming the position, Smith noted “my role as new Chair is to work with faculty and staff, administrators and stakeholders, and alumni and students to continue the success we have enjoyed as a Department, College and University.”

**2011-12 Student Honorees**

Outstanding Political Science Student
Chris Ryan Jackson
Faculty Honorees: Dr. Mark Kremer and Dr. Jack Moran

Outstanding International Affairs Student
Muthoni Mpuria-Richards
Faculty Honoree: Dr. Barbara Neuby

Outstanding MPA Graduate Student
Lindsay Saripkin
Faculty Honoree: Dr. Ulf Zimmerman

Outstanding MSCM Graduate Student
J. Antonio Nerio
Faculty Honoree: Dr. Timothy Hedeen

Outstanding MSIPM Graduate Student
Walter Louis Sansot
Faculty Honoree: Dr. Michele Zebich-Knos
Student Groups: Another Banner Year

Mock Trial

KSU Mock Trial, coached by Dr. Elizabeth Gordon and Dr. William Gillespie, recently concluded another active competition season. KSU teams successfully competed in a number of invitational tournaments during the 2011-2012 season, winning several individual and group awards. See page 6 for details. Mock Trial team members include:

- David Bailey
- James Boles
- Samantha Bowen
- Eric Butler
- Kelli Eidson
- Misty Gann
- Ashley Hofmeister
- Ashley Jackson
- Leila Karobi
- Chris Keegan
- Priscilla Kemp
- Jessica Martin
- Sara Metz
- Sarah Powers
- Caleb Stone
- Jacob Taylor
- Matthew Winters

Model African Union

The KSU Model African Union continued to earn its reputation for excellence. The faculty advisor is Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi. Team members include:

- Ali Abedi
- Timnessia Benton
- Katie Binns
- Bailey Bledsoe
- Benjamin Djanor
- Ya Marie Jack
- Wale Kareem
- Esther Kimani
- Flora Lowe Rockett
- Alin Moise
- Lilian Omotosho
- Samantha Manedoum
- Shauntea Murphy
- Aidaeze Nwankwo
- Lilian Omotosho
- Omolayo Omotosho
- Moureen Owoko
- Silvia Trejo
- Ana Karen Valles
- Faith Wangunyu

Model United Nations Delegates

The KSU Model UN Team, advised by Professor Stephen McKelvey, continued its streak of excellence in 2011. For details on the team’s achievements, go to page 6. Team members include:

- Folake Adegboye
- Jacob Allen
- Bailey Bledsoe
- Karlia Brown
- Ira Canada
- Kristen Carusos
- Osa Dawodu
- Coy Dumas
- Angelica Roldan
- Angelica Roldan
- Ruth Forsyth
- Frank Gaddy
- Anna Gorczynska
- Chris Jackson
- Mary Hand
- Brett Hanks
- Patrick Hughes
- Chris Jackson
- Kayla Jones
- Kamil Kamilov
- Jared Lafferty
- Plamen Mavrov
- Pepima Saliki
- Lilian Omotosho
- Shafiq Rizwan
- Angelica Roldan
- Benjamin Thornton
- Amanda Silvers
- Dionne Spears
- Cecily Tartaglione
- Silvia Trejo
- Rachel Walton
Model League of Arab States

The Model League of Arab States had another impressive showing in 2011. The team advisor is Dr. Thomas Doleys. The team includes:

Ali Abedi
Ryan Erwin
Matthew Kriner
Marshall Watson

Hamood Alali
Itesham Ul Haq
Tiffany Lempesis

Steffani Bentley
Ryan Herz
Tiara Suhr

Faith Dag
Gayla Jackson
Brittany Wagman

Pi Sigma Alpha

The National Honor Society for Political Science inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha have shown excellence in the study of Political Science and a commitment to leadership. The faculty advisor is Dr. Andrew Pieper. Newly inducted members for the 2011-2012 academic year are:

Kristopher Banks
Charles Duvall
Plamen Mavrov
Emily Rich
Melissa Spetnagel
Kevin Weehunt

Emily Burnett
Kelli Eidson
Sean Miller
Thaishah Riche
Melissa Sprinkle
Shane Wright

David Camp
Janice Frazier
Alessandrina ValPreda Miller
Amanda Silvers
Jonathan Stoye

Ramona Devonish
Arnold I. Haynes
Aida Sljivo
Renee Tomczak

High School Model United Nations

The High School Model United Nations, hosted at Kennesaw State University, was another massive success. The faculty adviser is Dr. Chien-pin Li. Chairs and Rapporteurs include the following:

Ali Abedi
Ira Canada
Coy Dumas
Patrick Hughes
Jared Lafferty
Damaso Nfumi-Saka
Mandy Silvers
Jeffrey Thorpe

Jacob Allen
Kristen Carusos
Ruth Forsyth
Ali Hussain
Ryan Lekan
Aleksandra Ninova
Dionne Spears
Silvia Trejo

Kristie Azaroff
Karen Carvajalino
Anna Gorczynska
Chris Jackson
Plamen Mavrov
Shafiq Rizwan
Cecily Tartaglione
Brittany Wagman

Karlia Brown
Doug Comin
Ryan Herz
Kayla Jones
Sumi Moon
Angelica Roldan
Benjamin Thornton
Rachel Walton
MTV Network President Stephen Friedman introduced KSU alumna Chinny Law as one of the “inspirational student activists leading the charge” during a September 22 Clinton Global Initiative press briefing to launch a year-long, international anti-human trafficking campaign. Law, who graduated from Kennesaw State with a bachelor’s in political science in 2006 and a master’s in conflict management in 2008, also penned an article titled “Student Activism Can Help End the Modern-Day Slave Trade” in the September 27 edition of The Huffington Post’s “Huff Post College” feature. She is serving as a temporary instructor in KSU’s First-Year Programs.

Congratulations to Divida Gude (KSU MSCM Cohort II), who is the recipient of KSU’s 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award! Judge Divida Gude, embodies the KSU ideals of mentoring and volunteerism. She serves as magistrate, sitting by designation in the Superior Court of Fulton County since 1993. As an adjunct professor, she taught at the John Marshall Law School in the areas of alternative dispute resolution and domestic relations. She is a former board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta and provides pro bono representation of incarcerated mothers in family law cases. Passionate about her profession and her alma mater, Judge Gude mentors KSU students as they apply to law schools and seek employment after graduating from the MSCM program. She was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony on September 26, 2011.

The MSCM faculty unanimously selected J. Antonio Nerio as MSCM Outstanding Student. Antonio graduated in December 2011 after completing internships with Plan International and Save the Children in El Salvador. During his internship he delivered negotiation and conflict resolution training to military officers and Non-Governmental Organizations, built playgrounds for needy children and assisted with emergency evacuations due to floods that swept the nation in the fall of 2011. Since graduating, Antonio has gone back to teach at the National University in El Salvador and continue his work with Plan International. He will be relocating to Australia later this year to continue his work in the field of conflict resolution and humanitarian relief.

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Lindsay Saripkin was selected as the MPA Outstanding Student for 2011-2012.

Paul Van Haute (MPA 2008) is the County Manager, Putnam County Board of Commissioners.

Kristin Rome (MBA-MPA 2011) is the Project Assistant at North Fulton Community Improvement District.

Glennis Curry (MPA 2008) is the Public Information Manager for the City of Atlanta.

Sabrina Young (MPA 2008) is the Economic Development Project Manager for the City of Marietta.

Mamadou Samba (MPA 2010) is a Capital City Fellow at D.C. Government, Executive Office of Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Office on African Affairs.

Jason Carruther (MPA 2010) is a Juris Doctorate Candidate at Georgia State University College of Law.

Ryal Flavai (MPA 2011) works as a Research Associate at A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research.

Favziya Nazarova (MPA 2010) is the Deputy Director of Public Foundation “Nota Bene.”

Jennifer Obiofuna (MPA 2011) works as Administrative Assistant in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Sase Ogboghodo (MPA 2008) works as a Clinical Research Associate at PPD.

Stephen Sonnenfeld-Goddard (MPA 2009) works as a Senior Compliance Analyst at Emory Healthcare.

Phi Alpha Alpha organization inducted MPA students Michael Horton, Lindsay Saripkin, Ayana Garhigh, and Tim Falvai.

Paul McDowell (MSCM Cohort XI) has accepted a position with the Cobb County Police Department and will begin training July 2, 2012.

Trent Henning (MSCM Cohort IX) has accepted a position as an Associate Advice and Counsel Group Manager with Home Depot’s Headquarters in Vinings.

Tiffany Griffin (MSCM Cohort XII) has accepted a position at the Open Door Community in Atlanta, as an Administrative Assistant to founding partner Eduard Loring.

Pamela Paulk (MSCM Cohort XI) recently joined the Alliance Defense Fund as a Legal Assistant.

Alan Brown, POLS student and author of “Joshua’s Law,” continued to pressure the Georgia General Assembly to use state-allocated funds for driver education courses.

Shane Wright, mentored by Dr. Tara Stricko, presented “Lobbying: A Brief Overview Into the Industry of Influence” at the 17th Annual Symposium of Student Scholars on April 10, 2012.
**Department News & Notes**

KSU Model UN Wins at Southern Regionals, Travels to NY for Competition

Twenty-seven students from the Kennesaw State Model United Nations Team participated in the Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference and won four Outstanding Individual Delegate awards. Kennesaw students represented the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the Republic of Korea at the conference from November 17th through 19th. Kennesaw State was one of forty-five colleges and universities from across the Southeast to participate in the program and was one of the very few schools to win more than two Outstanding Individual awards. Of the 691 students participating in the event, fewer than 40 won this prestigious recognition. The fact that Kennesaw State’s Model UN Team won four individual awards is a credit to the University.

KSU Mock Trial News

KSU Mock Trial hosted the second annual Dr. Helen S. Ridley Regional Tournament on February 24 and 25. Twenty-five teams from across the Southeast competed for eight bids to advance in the American Mock Trial Association’s championship series. The top eight teams were Duke, South Carolina, Tennessee, Emory, North Carolina, both teams from Eastern Kentucky, and Furman. While the two teams from Kennesaw State did not earn bids to the next competition, our rookie team won the Spirit of AMTA Award, which is given at each AMTA-sanctioned tournament to the team best exhibiting the ideals of civility, justice, and fair play. Additionally, four Kennesaw State students won individual awards: David Bailey and Kelli Eidson as Outstanding Attorneys, and Sarah Metz and Misty Gann as Outstanding Witnesses.

Four KSU students also competed at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Mock Trial Tournament, held at Hampton University in Hampton VA, on March 24. At this event, the top four litigators and top four teams are awarded scholarships for study at John Marshall (Chicago). KSU competitors Sara Metz, Misty Gann, Jacob Taylor, and Ashley Jackson claimed all the individual awards and shared in three of the team awards, winning more than $30,000 in scholarship awards among the four of them.

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Department Launches Master of Science in International Policy Management (MSIPM)

The Master of Science in International Policy Management (MSIPM) is an applied, online, cohort model program designed for those who seek greater practical understanding of the Global Arena. The program, directed by Dr. Chien-pin Li, will prepare leaders in the private and public sectors to understand the political and economic dynamics of the international arena, assess political risk and regulatory environments in which corporations function, and deal with the cultural nuances inherent to the global negotiation process. The Global Experience course applies theoretical perspectives acquired in first-year MSIPM courses to a real-world context. Students from Cohort II spent 10 days in four different Turkish cities where they experienced a series of public and private sector site visits and service learning activities with Non-Governmental Organizations. Students explored the way scholars and practitioners address the challenges of designing policies in a fast changing global context. Policy issues addressed on this trip included: urban planning and management; international trade and the global economy; economic development; water management; and religious and ethnic conflict. The students had the opportunity to meet representatives from national and local governments, and civil society actors from a variety of sectors including business and social welfare.

The KSU Public Administration Student Association (PASA) helped clean up the Chattahoochee River on Saturday, March 31 this year.
Faculty News & Notes

Dr. Stephen Collins published an article in *The Social Science Journal* titled “Indigenous Rights and Internal Wars: The Chiapas Conflict at Fifteen Years.” Dr. Collins also served as chair and moderator of a KSU forum on Nuclear Weapons Proliferation, titled “21st Century Nuclear Challenges: A Public Forum on Nuclear Threats & Policy Responses.”

Dr. Jeff DeWitt co-authored an article with Dr. Richard Engstrom, titled “The Impact of Prolonged Nomination Contests on Presidential Candidate Evaluations and General Election Vote Choice: The Case of 2008,” which was published in *Politics & Policy*. Drs. DeWitt and Engstrom also co-authored a book chapter, titled “Petitioners as Policy Makers,” forthcoming in *Direct Democracy in the United States: Petitioners as a Reflection of Society*, published by Routledge. In addition, Dr. DeWitt and Dr. Kerwin Swint are excited to lead groups of KSU POLS-IA students to Charlotte and Tampa this fall as part of the “Political Party Conventions Field Study” course they have developed.

Dr. Tom Doleys was elected KSU Faculty Coordinator for General Education Learning Outcomes Assessment (GELOA). He will lead the five year campus-wide effort to assess courses in the General Education curriculum. Dr. Doleys also co-authored a book chapter, titled “Implementing the EU Services Directive: Administrative Adaptation and Reform in Select European States,” in *National and European Values of Public Administration in the Balkans*, Economica Publishing, and presented at several regional and international academic conferences.

Dr. Andrew I. E. Ewoh was selected by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to receive a Fulbright Specialist grant in Public Administration for a project proposed by the University of Fort Hare, Bisho Campus, South Africa. Dr. Ewoh also served as invited guest at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania where he delivered a lecture on “Administration and Public Policy: Comparative Perspective on the United States and the European Union.” Dr. Ewoh published numerous articles, including “Comparative Analysis of the United States and Romania Municipal Public Services: The Case of Water and Wastewater Services” (with Lucica Matei), in *Journal of US-China Public Administration*, “Pay-for-Performance Reform and Organizational Discrimination: An Exploratory Analysis of the United States Federal Agencies” (with Stephen Sonnenfeld-Goddard, MPA 2009) in *International Review on Public and Nonprofit Marketing*, “Performance Measurement in an Era of New Public Management” in *Journal of Emerging Knowledge on Emerging Markets*, and “Public-Private Partnerships in Atlanta and Houston Metropolitan Areas of the United States” in *Journal of Emerging Knowledge on Emerging Markets*. Dr. Ewoh also delivered presentations at multiple regional, national and international academic conferences.

Dr. Bill Gillespie and Dr. Elizabeth Gordon published an article “The Culture of Obedience and the Politics of Stealth: Mormon Mobilization Against the ERA and Same-Sex Marriage,” in *Politics and Religion*.

Dr. Maia Hallward published a book, *Struggling for a Just Peace: Israeli and Palestinian Activism in the Second Intifada*, and co-edited a book, *Nonviolent Resistance in the Second Intifada: Activism and Advocacy (Middle East Today)*, Palgrave Macmillan. She was also keynote speaker at Georgia College and State University in November, where she spoke about “Women in the Arab Spring” and began service on the executive committee of Friends Association of Higher Education. Finally, congratulations to Dr. Hallward for being selected as the winner of the Distinguished Research and Creative Activity Award for 2012 in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences!

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Dr. Timothy Hedeen published “Encouraging Meaningful Parent Educator Collaboration: A Review of Recent Literature” for the National Center on Dispute Resolution in Special Education, delivered two trainings for the Oregon Office on Community Dispute Resolution, and participated in the training of four Nigerian high court judges with Dr. Susan Raines and Dr. Heather Pincock through Kennesaw State University’s Center for Conflict Management. Dr. Hedeen also published the literature review “Encouraging Meaningful Parent/Educator Collaboration” for the Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE), presented sessions on logic models and dispute system design, and on self-determination in mediation at CADRE’s national symposium, presented “Better Dispute Resolution Practice through Science” with Dr. Heather Pincock at Georgia Neutrals Conference and ADR Institute, and participated in a national symposium on “The Future of Court ADR: Mediation and Beyond” at Marquette School of Law.

Dr. Christopher Pallas co-authored an article, “NGO Monitoring and the Legitimacy of International Cooperation: A Strategic Analysis,” published in Review of International Organizations and authored another article, “Identity, Individualism, and Activism beyond the State: Examining the Impacts of Global Citizenship,” forthcoming in Global Society. Dr. Pallas also received a CHSS Summer Research Grant for a project on “Are Southern NGOs Effective Representatives of Local Interests in International Policymaking? Case Studies from Vietnamese Advocacy on HIV/AIDS.”

Dr. Heather Pincock led MSCM students, with Dr. Susan Raines, on a Conflict Resolution Study Tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland from November 5th-13th, 2011, where they met with former combatants turned peace-workers, politicians, and professors to learn more about the “Troubles” and the Irish peace process. Dr. Pincock also presented “Better Dispute Resolution Practice through Science” with Dr. Timothy Hedeen at Georgia Neutrals Conference and ADR Institute.

Dr. Susan Raines launched the “Mediation Outcomes Study” linking case factors to settlement and party satisfaction, in coordination with MSCM student researchers. She also finished the first draft of her co-authored book entitled, Benchmarking Mediation with Jean Poitras of HEC-Montreal, edited Volume 29 No.2 of Conflict Resolution Quarterly, and taught “Civil Mediation Process” to visiting Nigerian judges through Kennesaw State University’s Center for Conflict Management. In addition, Dr. Raines submitted her 500+ page textbook to John Wiley & Sons Inc. for publication, entitled: Conflict Management for Managers: Collaborative Knowledge & Skills for Managers in the Private, Public and Non-Profit Sectors.

Dr. Kerwin Swint participated in a panel presentation on the 2012 Presidential Campaign at the Atlanta Press Club, appeared on CNN's The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer to discuss the presidential primaries, gave several talks and presentations relating to his book, titled The King Whisperers, served as Keynote Speaker for Georgia PTA Legislative Day at the capitol, delivered a presentation on leadership at the Annual Meeting of Georgia Superior Court Judges, and chaired Common Cause Georgia's Redistricting Task Force during this year's reapportionment process at the state capitol.

New Faces

Dr. Sherrill Hayes is the new Director of the MSCM Program and an Associate Professor in PSIA. Sherrill has a Ph.D. in Social Policy from Newcastle University in England and he comes to KSU from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he was an Assistant Professor in Conflict and Peace Studies. His research interests include the intersections between policies and practices in conflict resolution programs, best practices in university-community partnerships, and most recently, sport as a tool of conflict management and peace building.

Dr. Sarita McCoy Gregory joins the Department as an Assistant Professor this fall. Dr. Gregory received her B.S. in Political Science with honors from Tuskegee University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. She completed two years as a CSMP (Consortium for Strong Minority Presence) Post-Doctoral Fellow at Macalester College and most recently taught political theory at Vassar College. At KSU, Dr. Gregory will teach courses on African American Politics, Gender and Civic Engagement, Urban Affairs and Problems, and the Civil Rights Movement. She is completing a book manuscript, titled Improvising Politics: Black Women, Music, and Political Improvisations, which examines the creative and improvisatory ways that black women engage in politics in the face of misrecognition, erasure, and rejection. Her most recent scholarship includes a book chapter in Contemporary Black American Cinema: Race, Gender and Sexuality at the Movies, edited by Mia Mask (Routledge 2012). Dr. Gregory will launch a University Poll Worker Project working closely with the Center for Election Systems and Board of Elections to staff KSU students as election inspectors during the upcoming presidential election. Dr. Gregory joins KSU with her husband, Darryl, and three children. She enjoys long walks, jazz, and making politics accessible.

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**Dr. Christopher L. Pallas** is an Assistant Professor of Conflict Management, teaching in the International Conflict Management Ph.D. program and the Department of Political Science and International Affairs. He holds a PhD in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and an M.S. in Policy Studies from the University of Edinburgh. He has worked for Development Finance International, Inc. helping US businesses understand and engage with the World Bank and African Development Bank, and served as a US Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa, working in micro-finance. He comes to KSU from Connecticut College, where he was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science. Dr. Pallas' research interests include civil society, democratization, and global governance. His primary focus is how NGOs impact the representation of low and middle income country populations in international policy making. His recent work also examines economic influences on NGO behavior. He has published in *Development Policy Review, Review of International Organizations, Ethics and Global Politics, Global Society,* and *Development in Practice.*

**Dr. Heather Pincock** earned her Ph.D. in Political Science at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University and was an associate of Maxwell’s Program for Advancement on Research in Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC). Her research is broadly concerned with theories of democracy and citizenship, and her work examines how both citizens and the state seek to manage everyday conflicts in ways that conform to, reinforce, and challenge democratic values of autonomy, equality, and community. In 2008-2009 she was a doctoral fellow at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. Heather has also practiced as a mediator, facilitator and trainer. She has served as the coordinator of PARCC’s Conflict Management Center, as a volunteer mediator at New Justice Conflict Resolution Services in Syracuse NY, and a volunteer facilitator with Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) delivering non-violence workshops inside New York State prisons.

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The Department of Political Science and International Affairs Welcomes **The Honorable Bruce Flower**, who fills the position of Temporary Lecturer.

**Ansley M. Wood**, MSCM Administrative Director, joined the staff in 2012. She graduated from Kennesaw State University, having studied Political Science and Human Services, and earned her MSCM, with honors. Wood previously worked in the Emergency Department at Dekalb Medical Center as well as teaching for Kennesaw State University's First Year Program. While working for Dekalb Medical she was instrumental in teaching Conflict Management to the nurses as well as resolving disputes between staff members and patients. She is also trained in Civil Mediation, and has worked in both private and court connected mediation programs. She and her husband, Jordan, are avid "foodies" and enjoy traveling.
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